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**SENATE BILL 5936**

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**By** Senators Prentice, Winsley, Costa, Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Regala, Gardner, Kline, Spanel, Shin, Rasmussen, Fraser and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to funds for operating and maintenance of low-  
2 income housing projects and for innovative housing demonstration  
3 projects; amending RCW 36.18.010; adding a new section to chapter  
4 36.22 RCW; and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes housing  
7 affordability has become a significant problem for a large portion  
8 of society in many parts of Washington state in recent years. The  
9 state has traditionally focused its resources on housing for low-  
10 income populations. Additional funding resources are needed for  
11 unusual or one time operation and maintenance activities for  
12 housing projects for the developmentally disabled and farm worker  
13 housing projects. In addition to supporting low-income populations,  
14 the state must find new methods to assist moderate and middle-  
15 income populations who are having a difficult time affording  
16 decent housing at today's prices reasonably near their jobs.

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1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 36.22  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a  
4    surcharge of ten dollars per instrument shall be charged by the  
5    county auditor for each real property document recorded, which  
6    will be in addition to any other charge authorized by law. The  
7    auditor may retain up to five percent of these funds collected to  
8    administer the collection of these funds. Of the remaining funds,  
9    forty percent of the revenue generated through this surcharge will  
10   be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer who will deposit the  
11   funds into the Washington housing trust account. The office of  
12   community development of the department of community, trade, and  
13   economic development will develop guidelines for: (a) The use of  
14   these funds to support unusual or one-time operation and  
15   maintenance costs of low-income housing projects that have been  
16   developed with housing trust funds; and (b) innovative housing  
17   demonstration projects for moderate and middle-income  
18   populations. Sixty percent of the revenue generated by this  
19   surcharge will be retained by the county and be deposited into a  
20   fund that must be used by the county and its cities and towns for  
21   low-income housing projects.

22        (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to  
23   assignments of previously recorded deeds of trust.

24        **Sec. 3.**    RCW 36.18.010 and 1999 c 233 s 3 are each amended to read  
25   as follows:

26        County auditors or recording officers shall collect the  
27   following fees for their official services:

28        For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-  
29   half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional  
30   page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar.  
31   The fee for recording multiple transactions contained in one  
32   instrument will be calculated for each transaction requiring  
33   separate indexing as required under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The  
34   fee for each title or transaction is the same fee as the first  
35   page of any additional recorded document; the fee for additional  
36   pages is the same fee as for any additional pages for any recorded

1 document; the fee for the additional pages may be collected only  
2 once and may not be collected for each title or transaction;

3 For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight  
4 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each  
5 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one  
6 dollar;

7 For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-  
8 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

9 For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or  
10 without seal, two dollars;

11 For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee  
12 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing,  
13 and transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar  
14 of vital statistics) plus an additional five-dollar fee for use  
15 and support of the prevention of child abuse and neglect  
16 activities to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and  
17 deposited in the state general fund plus an additional ten-dollar  
18 fee to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and deposited  
19 in the state general fund. The legislature intends to appropriate  
20 an amount at least equal to the revenue generated by this fee for  
21 the purposes of the displaced homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

22 For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

23 For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery  
24 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot;  
25 also one dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and  
26 description: PROVIDED, That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-  
27 five dollars per plat;

28 For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for  
29 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five  
30 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen  
31 inches or less, one dollar;

32 For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing  
33 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170.

34 For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in  
35 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable  
36 recording fees.

1        For recording instruments related to real property, a surcharge  
2 as provided in section 2 of this act.

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