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HOUSE BILL 2216

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By Representative Pettigrew

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1 AN ACT Relating to short-term cash assistance for homeless persons;  
2 creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The secretary of the department of  
6 social and health services shall create a program for homeless persons  
7 for the purpose of short-term cash assistance intended to enable  
8 homeless persons to obtain housing and employment. In creating the  
9 program, the department shall consult with (a) homeless persons in the  
10 state, and (b) the legislature.

11 (2) The secretary shall adopt rules to operate the program, which  
12 shall include eligibility determination for the program.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The program created by the secretary  
14 pursuant to section 1 of this act shall provide a monthly benefit of  
15 three hundred dollars per month per person for each eligible homeless  
16 person.

17 (2) Eligibility for the program created by the secretary pursuant

1 to section 1 of this act shall end after each eligible homeless person  
2 has received the three hundred dollar monthly benefit provided in  
3 subsection (1) of this section for twelve months.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire July 1,  
5 2004.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added  
7 to Title 74 RCW but shall not be codified.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
9 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
10 June 30, 2003, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
11 void.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
15 immediately.

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