

HOUSING BILLS

3142: Affordable housing loan programs. Created a rapid response loan fund in the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development to be administered by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. Eligible organizations, including local governments, may utilize these 0-3 percent interest loans to purchase land on which to develop affordable housing, facilities intended to provide supportive services to affordable housing residents, community facilities preservation or development in gentrifying neighborhoods. Performance measures as placed in the bill for organizational accountability. **Delivered to Governor.**

5959: Transitional Housing Operating and Rent (THOR) program. The THOR program has operated within the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development since 1999, however it is not a program currently in state statute. The THOR program was created to assist at-risk households in securing and retaining housing. Eligible organizations receiving THOR funds must use the monies for rental assistance, case management services, operating expenses of transitional housing facilities that serve homeless families with children, and limited organizational administrative costs. Repeals RCW 59.18.600, which exempts landlords who rent to released offenders from liability from civil damages arising from tenant criminal conduct (under certain conditions). **Delivered to governor.**

3133: Mobile home park closure notice. If mobile home park closes, the park tenant must have received a written notification three years prior. Also included provision on sale of home by tenant and data reporting requirements. **Died in Senate.**