

2018 Legislation Related to Housing and Homelessness

	Bill Number	Bill Summary	Anticipated Bill Impact in Kitsap
Homeless Program Funding	HB1570	Increases the document recording fee that funds homeless programs by \$22, counties get to keep an additional \$17 per document for the homeless housing grant program; eliminates the sunset on document recording fees, expands uses of funds to allow paying rental assistance to non-profit landlords in addition to for-profit landlords.	Stabilizes funding for homeless programs by removing funding cliff; increases funding for the Homeless Housing Grant Program by approximately 30% (we are still finalizing estimated dollar amounts); will allow Kitsap non-profit landlords to receive additional rental assistance funding; adds additional reporting and program requirements.
Youth Homelessness	HB1630	Allows minors to consent to share their personally identifying information in the Homeless Management Information System.	Will allow agencies to collect more data about youth homelessness – both demographics and program data, which will help with program planning and evaluation.
	SB6560	Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) and the Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) to develop a plan with specific state agency actions and legislative recommendations, to ensure that by 12/31/2020 no unaccompanied youth is discharged from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness. The plan is due by 12/31/2019. The Department of Licensing must issue an Identicard to all individuals being released from a juvenile detention facility.	No immediate impact, but the call for development of a state plan is a positive step in committing resources to achieve this goal.
SOID	HB2578	Outlaws discrimination by landlords based on the source of income used to pay rent, creates a statewide landlord mitigation fund, paid for by a \$3 increase in document recording fees. Counties get to keep \$1.76 per document for the affordable housing grant program.	Kitsap will need to work with landlords to provide education about this new law. Ultimately, it will result in more units of housing that are available to people using rental subsidies and vouchers to pay for rent.
d (H E)	HB2667	Makes eligibility changes to the Housing and Essential Need (HEN) program and the Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD)	Although the bill expands eligibility for HEN, it does not provide any additional funding. We are

		program to increase rental subsidy stability for people who have a disability and are waiting to qualify for SSI or SSDI (social security benefits).	projected to use all of our HEN funding on clients under the original eligibility criteria, so we will need to determine how to prioritize new enrollments.
	HB1831	Increases TANF, HEN, and ABD eligibility by increasing asset limits from \$1,000 to \$6,000 in cash assets and increases the vehicle value limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.	Will expand the pool of eligible households for TANF, HEN, and ABD – but does not increase funding, so we will need to determine how to prioritize new enrollments.
	HB1239	Once every two years, provides a free copy of medical records to people appealing an SSI or SSDI denial.	Not sure how many people this will impact in Kitsap. Will make it easier and less costly for people trying to get approved for federal benefits.
Affordable Housing	HB2382	Requires certain designated state agencies to remit 10% from the sale of state real property to the Housing Trust Fund through 2029. Requires state agencies to notify state, local, federal, and tribal entities of any sale of surplus state lands. Allows any state or local agency to dispose of property to any developer of affordable housing.	Could result in additional land being available for affordable housing projects. Not sure how often this will happen in Kitsap.
	HB2444	Provides a real estate excise tax exemption for the transfer of a qualified low-income housing development or controlling interest in a qualified low-income housing development.	Incentivizes private investors in affordable housing projects funded with tax credits. Could have a positive impact on future affordable housing projects, but not sure of direct impact at this time.
Re-Entry from Jail/Prison	HB1783	Eliminates the accrual of interest on certain non-restitution portions of legal financial obligations (LFOs). Courts may not impose costs on defendants who are indigent at the time of sentencing.	Will enable people leaving prison to have less interest accrued for fines owed to the court and for victims' restitution. Likely to have a bigger impact as time goes on and more people are sentenced under these new financial rules.
	HB1298	Prohibits an employer from including questions on applications inquiring into an applicant's criminal background until after the employer determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. Exempts certain employers from the prohibition.	Often referred to as "Ban the Box," this legislation will expand the employment possibilities for people with criminal histories. Not sure how to quantify the impact in Kitsap specifically.