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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 748**

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**Introduced by Senator Richardson**

February 21, 2025

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An act to amend Sections 50250, 50251, and 50254 of, and to add Section 50254.7 to, of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 748, as amended, Richardson. Encampment Resolution Funding program: *cars and* recreational vehicles: reporting.

Existing law establishes the Encampment Resolution Funding program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to increase collaboration between the department, local jurisdictions, and continuums of care for, among other things, providing encampment resolution grants to local jurisdictions and continuums of care to resolve critical encampment concerns and transition individuals into safe and stable housing.

Existing law requires the department to report to the chairs of the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the outcomes, learnings, and best practices models identified through the program.

~~This bill would define encampments to include people using recreational vehicles for temporary shelter along public roads. The~~

*This* bill would additionally include assisting specified local jurisdictions with, among other things, removing and storing *cars and* recreational vehicles, as specified, acquiring property for safe parking sites, and increasing safe parking site ~~hours~~ *hours*, as purposes of the program.

Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the bill would require the department to report to the chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Local Government, the Senate and Assembly Committees on Transportation, the Senate Committee on Housing, and the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development on the funding distributed for each of the program's purposes, as specified.

~~This bill would require a recipient of funding that removes recreational vehicles with grant funds from the program to comply with specified minimum requirements, including towing the recreational vehicle to a safe parking site and providing the owner 60 days to remove the recreational vehicle from the safe parking site. The bill would authorize the recipient to auction or demolish the recreational vehicle if the owner does not remove the recreational vehicle from the safe parking site within the provided 60 days or the owner retrieves the recreational vehicle within the 60 days and the recreational vehicle is towed again to the safe parking site. If the recipient auctions the recreational vehicle, the bill would grant local jurisdictions the right of first refusal. If the recipient auctions or demolishes the recreational vehicle, the bill would entitle the owner to 50% of the proceeds and the recipient to 50% of the proceeds.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) In January 2024, the United States Department of Housing
- 4 and Urban Development (HUD) reported 187,084 people
- 5 experiencing homelessness, and a significant portion of these
- 6 individuals are living in recreational vehicles (RV).
- 7 (b) Further startling statistics are:
- 8 (1) Two-thirds of reported homeless (124,537) in the state, the
- 9 highest in the country, sleep outside.
- 10 (2) Twenty-five percent, that is one in four, of the homeless in
- 11 America, are homeless here in California.
- 12 (3) Forty-four percent, on average, that are homeless are
- 13 "chronically homeless," meaning individuals may have a long

1 medical or mental disability and are homeless for more than one  
2 year.

3 (c) Homelessness may be defined as an individual or family  
4 who lacks a “fixed, regular, and adequate” nighttime permanent  
5 residence. A man, woman, or child that sleeps on the street, in  
6 front of a store, or in an RV for more than 14 days is considered  
7 to be experiencing homelessness.

8 (d) According to long-standing law, Section 18010 of the Health  
9 and Safety Code, an RV means a motor home, travel trailer, truck  
10 camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed  
11 for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other  
12 occupancy.

13 (e) In California, RVs are intended for temporary recreational  
14 or emergency occupancy, not for long-term living or habitation  
15 on private property outside of designated areas like RV parks,  
16 campgrounds, or mobile home parks.

17 (f) RVs are designed for leisure travel, camping, and temporary  
18 living, not as permanent residences.

19 SEC. 2. Section 50250 of the Health and Safety Code is  
20 amended to read:

21 50250. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions  
22 shall apply:

23 (a) “Additional funding round moneys” means moneys  
24 appropriated for the program in or after fiscal year 2022–23.

25 (b) “Agency” means the Business, Consumer Services, and  
26 Housing Agency.

27 (c) “Applicant” means a continuum of care or local jurisdiction

28 (d) “Continuum of care” has the same meaning as in Section  
29 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

30 (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), “council,” unless context  
31 requires otherwise, means the California Interagency Council on  
32 Homelessness, previously known as the Homeless Coordinating  
33 and Financing Council created pursuant to Section 8257 of the  
34 Welfare and Institutions Code.

35 (2) Unless context requires otherwise, “council,” with respect  
36 to the administration of this chapter on or after the effective date  
37 of the act adding this paragraph, means the department.

38 (f) “County” includes, but is not limited to, a city and county.

39 (g) “Department” means the Department of Housing and  
40 Community Development.

1 ~~(h) “Encampment” includes, but is not limited to, people using~~  
2 ~~recreational vehicles for temporary shelter along public roads.~~

3 ~~(i)~~

4 ~~(h) “Funding round 1 moneys” means moneys appropriated for~~  
5 ~~the program in fiscal year 2021–22.~~

6 ~~(j)~~

7 ~~(i) “Homeless” has the same meaning as in Section 578.3 of~~  
8 ~~Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.~~

9 ~~(k)~~

10 ~~(j) “Local jurisdiction” means a city, including a charter city, a~~  
11 ~~county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including~~  
12 ~~a charter city and county.~~

13 ~~(l)~~

14 ~~(k) “Program” means the Encampment Resolution Funding~~  
15 ~~program established pursuant to this chapter.~~

16 ~~(m)~~

17 ~~(l) “Recipient” means an applicant that receives grant funds~~  
18 ~~from the council for the purposes of the program.~~

19 ~~(n)~~

20 ~~(m) “Recreational vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section~~  
21 ~~18010.~~

22 ~~(o)~~

23 ~~(n) “State right-of-way” means real property held in title by the~~  
24 ~~State of California.~~

25 SEC. 3. Section 50251 of the Health and Safety Code is  
26 amended to read:

27 50251. (a) The Encampment Resolution Funding program is  
28 hereby established to, upon appropriation by the Legislature,  
29 increase collaboration between the council, local jurisdictions, and  
30 continuums of care for the following purposes:

31 (1) Assist local jurisdictions in ensuring the safety and wellness  
32 of people experiencing homelessness in encampments.

33 (2) Provide encampment resolution grants to local jurisdictions  
34 and continuums of care to resolve critical encampment concerns  
35 and transition individuals into safe and stable housing.

36 (3) Encourage a data-informed, coordinated approach to address  
37 encampment concerns.

38 (4) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within  
39 a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with  
40 the removal and storage of *cars and* recreational vehicles while

1 locating temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness  
2 in encampments.

3 (5) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within  
4 a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with  
5 the code enforcement of the parking, storage, inspection, and  
6 towing of *cars and* recreational vehicles.

7 (6) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within  
8 a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with  
9 acquiring property for safe parking sites and increasing safe parking  
10 site hours.

11 (b) (1) The council shall administer the program.

12 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the council may consult with  
13 and designate a state agency or department to support the  
14 administration of the program.

15 (c) (1) The council's decision to approve or deny an application  
16 and the determination of the amount of funding to be provided  
17 shall be final and not subject to appeal.

18 (2) In determining which applications to approve, the council  
19 shall evaluate and score proposals based on all of the following  
20 criteria:

21 (A) The applicant's capacity to carry out the proposal.

22 (B) Whether the site selected for services aligns with the  
23 proposed service delivery model.

24 (C) Whether the demographics and needs of service recipients  
25 align with the proposed service delivery model.

26 (D) The applicant's ability to develop a detailed service delivery  
27 plan, including a description of how individuals will be served  
28 with permanent housing solutions.

29 (E) The applicant's ability to coordinate with other systems to  
30 increase services and housing options.

31 (F) The applicant's capacity to involve people with lived  
32 experience and local community partners in the implementation  
33 of its project.

34 (G) The applicant's ability to recruit and deploy personnel with  
35 experience and expertise needed to support the success of their  
36 proposal.

37 (H) The applicant's ability to demonstrate a prudent and  
38 effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people  
39 it seeks to serve and the types of services to be provided in the  
40 proposal.

(d) The council shall maintain records of the following:

(1) The number of applications for program grants received by the council.

(2) The number of applications for program grants denied by the council.

(3) The name of each recipient of a program grant.

(4) The amount of funds allocated to each applicant.

(e) The council may adopt regulations to implement this chapter. The adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation authorized by this subdivision is hereby exempted from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

SEC. 4. Section 50254 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

50254. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, all recipients of funds pursuant to this chapter shall provide data elements, including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with state and federal law, to their local Homeless Management Information System for tracking in the statewide Homeless Data Integration System.

(b) (1) The council shall specify the form and substance of the required data elements.

(2) The council may, as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.

(3) Grantees shall report individual, client-level data for persons served by grant funding to the council, in addition to any data reported through local Homeless Management Information System, as required by the council for the purposes of research and evaluation of grant performance, service pathways, and outcomes for people served.

(4) Council staff may use information reported directly from grantees and through statewide Homeless Data Integration System for the purposes of research and evaluation of grant performance, service pathways, and outcomes for people served.

(c) Any health information or personal identifying information provided to or maintained within the statewide Homeless Data Integration System pursuant to this section shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the California Public Records

1 Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1  
2 of the Government Code).

3 (d) For purposes of this paragraph, “health information” includes  
4 “protected health information,” as defined in Part 160.103 of Title  
5 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical information,”  
6 as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the Civil Code.

7 (e) All recipients shall provide information and products  
8 developed with grant funds on service delivery models in support  
9 of the overall program goal to mitigate risk and address safety  
10 concerns in encampments, while ensuring a pathway for individuals  
11 living in encampments to move into safe and stable housing, in a  
12 format and timeframe specified by the council.

13 (f) The council shall evaluate the data and outcomes reported  
14 by recipients to assess efficacy of programs and identify scalable  
15 best practices for encampment resolution that can be replicated  
16 across the state.

17 (g) The council shall report as follows:

18 (1) To the chairs of the relevant fiscal and policy committees  
19 in both houses on the outcomes, learnings, and best practices  
20 models identified through this program. The report shall be  
21 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the ~~Government~~  
22 *Government Code*.

23 (2) (A) Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter,  
24 to the chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Local  
25 Government, the Senate and Assembly Committees on  
26 Transportation, the Senate Committee on Housing, and the  
27 Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development  
28 on the funding distributed for each of the purposes described in  
29 subdivision (a) of Section 50251.

30 (B) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under  
31 subparagraph (A) is inoperative on April 1, 2030, pursuant to  
32 Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

33 (C) A report to be submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall  
34 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
35 Code.

36 (h) Contracts entered into to implement this chapter shall be  
37 exempt from all of the following:

38 (1) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 14825) of Part 5.5 of  
39 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(2) The personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(3) Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual.

(4) Notwithstanding Section 11546 of the Government Code, from review or approval of any division of the Department of Technology, upon approval from the Department of Finance.

(5) From the review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services.

~~SEC. 5. Section 50254.7 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:~~

~~50254.7. A recipient of funding that removes recreational vehicles with grant funds shall comply, at a minimum, with all of the following:~~

~~(a) After providing any required notifications, the recreational vehicle shall be towed to a safe parking site.~~

~~(b) Once the recreational vehicle is towed to a safe parking site, the recipient shall provide written notification to the owner of the recreational vehicle that the recreational vehicle is at the safe parking site.~~

~~(c) The recipient shall provide the owner of the recreational vehicle 60 days to remove the recreational vehicle from the safe parking site.~~

~~(d) (1) The recipient may auction or demolish a recreational vehicle if any of the following apply:~~

~~(A) The owner does not remove the recreational vehicle from the safe parking site within the provided 60 days described in subdivision (c).~~

~~(B) After the owner retrieves the recreational vehicle within the provided 60 days, as described in subdivision (c), the recreational vehicle is towed again to a safe parking site.~~

~~(2) If the recipient auctions a recreational vehicle pursuant to paragraph (1), the recipient shall provide a right to first refusal to local jurisdictions.~~

~~(3) If the recipient auctions or demolishes a recreational vehicle pursuant to paragraph (1), the owner of the recreational vehicle~~

- 1 ~~shall receive 50 percent of the proceeds and the recipient shall~~
- 2 ~~receive 50 percent of the proceeds.~~

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