

## **2009 Legislative Session Summary**

### **Select Budget Items**

Budget documents can be found here:

<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2009/ho0911p.asp>

**ESAP:** \$10 million

**THOR:** \$8.5 million (Includes the expansion!)

**Independent Youth Housing Program:** \$1.8 million

**Re-entry Housing Pilot Program:** Eliminated (as expected, though no less disappointing)

**Housing Trust Fund:** \$100 million (with \$18.5 million in set-asides, down from \$200 million last year)

**GAU:** Cash grant reduced by \$18 million; savings to GAU medical of \$38 million by switching to managed care; entitlement and \$339 grant amount intact. GAU advocates are declaring victory because these savings are achieved by making the program more effective rather than simply serving less people.

### **Select Bills**

You can look up these and other bills on the legislative website, here:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

**HB 2331:** On the way to the Governor! It picked up two amendments: clearly exempting birth/death certificates (which were already exempt) and adding a 4-year sunset. This bill makes it possible to fully fund ESAP, THOR and other important state homeless programs.

**HB 1492:** Addressing the independent youth housing program. Signed into law.

**HB 1227:** Concerning Recreational Vehicles Used As Primary Residences in Manufactured/Mobile Home Communities. Signed into law.

**HB 1250:** Concerning administration of the Housing Trust Fund. Died in Senate Rules.

**SHB 1663:** Relocation assistance rights for motel occupants. Signed into law.

**SSB 5219:** Establishing a focus group to examine the need to provide housing for certain populations at risk of being homeless. Died in House Rules. (It was decided legislation was not necessary to make this happen.)

**SB 5433:** Modifying provisions of local option taxes. (The mental health services supplantation bill.) Delivered to Governor.

**SB 5525:** Concerning rental vouchers to allow release from state institutions. Delivered to the Governor.

**SSB 5665:** Authorizing a joint self-insurance program for two or more affordable housing entities or nonprofit entities. Delivered to Governor.