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1 AN ACT Relating to cellular communication expenses of state
2 employees; and amending RCW 43.03.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.050 and 1990 c 30 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director of financial management shall prescribe reasonable
7 allowances to cover reasonable and necessary subsistence, cellular
8 telephone, and lodging expenses for elective and appointive officials
9 and state employees while engaged on official business away from their
10 designated posts of duty. Cellular communication expenses shall be
11 reimbursed at no more than one hundred fifty dollars per month, with no
12 carry-over credit. The director of financial management may prescribe
13 and regulate the allowances provided in lieu of subsistence and lodging
14 expenses and may prescribe the conditions under which reimbursement for
15 subsistence and lodging may be allowed. The schedule of allowances
16 adopted by the office of financial management may include special
17 allowances for foreign travel and other travel involving higher than
18 usual costs for subsistence and lodging. The allowances established by

1 the director shall not exceed the rates set by the federal government
2 for federal employees.

3 (2) Those persons appointed to serve without compensation on any
4 state board, commission, or committee, if entitled to payment of
5 travel expenses, shall be paid pursuant to special per diem rates
6 prescribed in accordance with subsection (1) of this section by the
7 office of financial management.

8 (3) The director of financial management may prescribe reasonable
9 allowances to cover reasonable expenses for meals, coffee, and light
10 refreshment served to elective and appointive officials and state
11 employees regardless of travel status at a meeting where: (a) The
12 purpose of the meeting is to conduct official state business or to
13 provide formal training to state employees or state officials; (b) the
14 meals, coffee, or light refreshment are an integral part of the meeting
15 or training session; (c) the meeting or training session takes place
16 away from the employee's or official's regular workplace; and (d) the
17 agency head or authorized designee approves payments in advance for the
18 meals, coffee, or light refreshment. In order to prevent abuse, the
19 director may regulate such allowances and prescribe additional
20 conditions for claiming the allowances.

21 (4) Upon approval of the agency head or authorized designee, an
22 agency may serve coffee or light refreshments at a meeting where: (a)
23 The purpose of the meeting is to conduct state business or to provide
24 formal training that benefits the state; and (b) the coffee or light
25 refreshment is an integral part of the meeting or training session.
26 The director of financial management shall adopt requirements necessary
27 to prohibit abuse of the authority authorized in this subsection.

28 (5) The schedule of allowances prescribed by the director under the
29 terms of this section and any subsequent increases in any maximum
30 allowance or special allowances for areas of higher than usual costs
31 shall be reported to the ways and means committees of the house of
32 representatives and the senate at each regular session of the
33 legislature.

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