

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1449**

62nd Legislature  
2011 1st Special Session

Passed by the House May 22, 2011  
Yeas 50 Nays 41

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate May 20, 2011  
Yeas 35 Nays 7

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1449** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Education Appropriations & Oversight (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Haigh, Anderson, Maxwell, Sullivan, and Dammeier; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

READ FIRST TIME 04/01/11.

1            AN ACT Relating to establishing a processing fee for educator  
2 certificates and subsequent actions; adding a new section to chapter  
3 28A.410 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) The legislature finds that the current economic environment  
8 requires that the state, when appropriate, charge for some of the  
9 services provided directly to the users of those services. The office  
10 of the superintendent of public instruction is currently supported with  
11 state funds to process certification fees. In addition, the  
12 legislature finds that the processing of certifications should be moved  
13 to an online system that allows educators to manage their  
14 certifications and provides better information to policymakers. The  
15 legislature intends to assess a certification processing fee to  
16 eliminate state-funded support of the cost to issue educator  
17 certificates.

18            (2) In addition to the certification fee established under RCW  
19 28A.410.060, the superintendent of public instruction shall charge an

1 application processing fee for initial educator certificates and  
2 subsequent actions. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
3 establish the amount of the fee by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW. The  
4 superintendent shall set the fee at a sufficient level to defray the  
5 costs of administering the educator certification program under RCW  
6 28A.300.040(9). Revenue generated through the processing fee shall be  
7 deposited in the educator certification processing account.

8 (3) The educator certification processing account is established in  
9 the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public  
10 instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from the  
11 fees collected in subsection (2) of this section. Moneys in the  
12 account may be spent only for the processing of educator certificates  
13 and subsequent actions. Disbursements from the account shall be on  
14 authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the  
15 superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment  
16 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
17 required for disbursements.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
21 July 1, 2011.

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