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**SHB 2121** - H AMD **224**

By Representative Caldier

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 On page 1, beginning on line 6, strike all of section 1 and insert the following:

 "**Sec.**  RCW 74.12.037 and 2014 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall adopt rules establishing income eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a child, other than a foster child, who lives with a caregiver other than his or her parents. The department shall establish a sliding scale benefit standard for a child when the income of the child's caregiver is above two hundred percent but below ((~~three~~)) four hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on family size. A caregiver with an income above ((~~three~~)) four hundred percent of the federal poverty level shall not be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a child, not a foster child, who is residing with that caregiver.

(2)(a) For purposes of this section, the department may, by rule, exempt fifty percent of a caregiver's unearned income in determining eligibility and benefit standards. This is in addition to other exemptions authorized by law.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, "unearned income" means income received from a source other than employment or self-employment."

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal references accordingly.

Correct the title.

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|  | EFFECT:   Does not repeal the income eligibility requirements and instead increases the income eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a child who lives with a nonparent caregiver from 300 percent to 400 percent of FPL.     |

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