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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2487**

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**By** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Tokuda, Buck, Voloria, Carrell, Lambert, Mason, Romero, Honeyford, Dickerson, Murray, Boldt, Hymes, Chopp, Sheldon, Costa, Conway, Cooke and Kessler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to continuing adoption support payments; amending  
2 RCW 74.13.112 and 74.13.115; and adding a new section to chapter 74.13  
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.112 and 1985 c 7 s 136 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The factors to be considered by the secretary in setting the amount  
8 of any payment or payments to be made pursuant to RCW 26.33.320 and  
9 74.13.100 through 74.13.145 and in adjusting standards hereunder shall  
10 include: The size of the family including the adoptive child, the  
11 usual living expenses of the family, the special needs of any family  
12 member including education needs, the family income, the family  
13 resources and plan for savings, the medical and hospitalization needs  
14 of the family, the family's means of purchasing or otherwise receiving  
15 such care, and any other expenses likely to be needed by the child to  
16 be adopted. In setting the amount of any initial payment made pursuant  
17 to RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145, the secretary is  
18 authorized to establish maximum payment amounts that are reasonable and

1 allow permanency planning goals related to adoption of children under  
2 RCW 13.34.145 to be achieved at the earliest possible date.

3 The amounts paid for the support of a child pursuant to RCW  
4 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145 may vary from family to  
5 family and from year to year. Due to changes in economic circumstances  
6 or the needs of the child such payments may be discontinued and later  
7 resumed.

8 Payments under RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145 may be  
9 continued by the secretary subject to review as provided for herein, if  
10 such parent or parents having such child in their custody establish  
11 their residence in another state or a foreign jurisdiction.

12 In fixing the standards to govern the amount and character of  
13 payments to be made for the support of adopted children pursuant to RCW  
14 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145 and before issuing rules and  
15 regulations to carry out the provisions of RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100  
16 through 74.13.145, the secretary shall consider the comments and  
17 recommendations of the committee designated by the secretary to advise  
18 him with respect to child welfare.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.13.115 and 1985 c 7 s 137 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 To carry out the program authorized by RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100  
22 through 74.13.145, the secretary may make continuing payments or lump  
23 sum payments of adoption support. In lieu of continuing payments, or  
24 in addition to them, the secretary may make one or more specific lump  
25 sum payments for or on behalf of a hard to place child either to the  
26 adoptive parents or directly to other persons to assist in correcting  
27 any condition causing such child to be hard to place for adoption.

28 Consistent with a particular child's needs, continuing adoption  
29 support payments shall include, if necessary to facilitate or support  
30 the adoption of a special needs child, an amount sufficient to remove  
31 any reasonable financial barrier to adoption as determined by the  
32 secretary under RCW 74.13.112.

33 After determination by the secretary of the amount of a payment or  
34 the initial amount of continuing payments, the prospective parent or  
35 parents who desire such support shall sign an agreement with the  
36 secretary providing for the payment, in the manner and at the time or  
37 times prescribed in regulations to be issued by ((him)) the secretary

1 subject to the provisions of RCW 26.33.320 and 74.13.100 through  
2 74.13.145, of the amount or amounts of support so determined.

3 Payments shall be subject to review as provided in RCW 26.33.320  
4 and 74.13.100 through 74.13.145.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 This act applies to adoption support payments for eligible children  
8 whose eligibility is determined on or after July 1, 1996. This act  
9 does not apply retroactively to current recipients of adoption support  
10 payments.

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