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## ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2900

State of Washington 55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Ballasiotes, McDonald, Boldt and Mitchell)

Read first time 01/30/98. Referred to Committee on .

- 1 AN ACT Relating to pro rata calculation of temporary assistance for
- 2 needy families grants; adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW; and
- 3 providing an expiration date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The department shall study and report on the feasibility of
- 8 adopting a pro rata calculation for grant amounts. The study shall
- 9 include but not be limited to the following: (a) The benefits and
- 10 difficulties regarding implementation; (b) the fiscal impact; (c)
- 11 appropriate good cause exceptions; (d) methods and rules for preventing
- 12 abuse of the exceptions; (e) recommendations on alternative calculation
- 13 systems.
- 14 (2) The department shall report its findings to the children and
- 15 family services committee of house of representatives and to the human
- 16 services and corrections committee of the senate by November 30, 1998.
- 17 (3) For the purpose of this section "pro rata" shall refer to a
- 18 benefit calculation system in which a recipient's grant amount for any
- 19 month reflects the recipient's participation in any required work

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- 1 activity, including a reduction in the grant amount for the number of
- 2 work units or work activity units required by the department under P.L.
- 3 104-193 and this chapter that the recipient fails to perform.
- 4 (4) This section expires December 31, 1998.

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