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SENATE BILL 5056

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1 AN ACT Relating to a state employment freeze; creating a new  
2 section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) From the effective date of this act  
5 until the conclusion of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2003, state  
6 agencies of the executive branch shall not establish new staff  
7 positions or fill vacant existing staff positions.

8 (2) Exceptions to subsection (1) of this section may be granted  
9 only by the governor and only for critical or emergent situations that  
10 threaten public health or safety, as determined by the governor. The  
11 governor shall notify the legislative fiscal committees within ten days  
12 of the granting of any exception under this subsection.

13 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that agencies of the  
14 legislative and judicial branches of state government shall also  
15 observe the employment freeze established by this section, subject to  
16 such procedures as may be provided by the legislative and judicial  
17 branches, respectively.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act expires July 1, 2003.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3    state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
4    immediately.

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