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By Senators Delvin, Hatfield, Haugen, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to food and beverage service worker's permits; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 69.06 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.06 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The food and beverage service worker's permit required pursuant
7 to RCW 69.06.010 shall be issued upon successfully passing an
8 examination from a program provider. The program provider must create
9 and administer the training adhering to all applicable provisions in
10 chapter 69.06 RCW.

11 (2) Program providers must receive approval to create and
12 administer a food handler program.

13 (3) The department of health shall have sole responsibility to
14 provide program approval to program providers, which includes approval
15 of all food handler training program materials, such as instructional
16 delivery methods and assessment tools based on criteria established in
17 chapter 69.06 RCW.

18 (4) In order for the department of health to designate a program
19 provider, the individual or organization must:

1 (a) Demonstrate that they have sufficient experience in food
2 safety, food science, or food service; and
3 (b) Be knowledgeable in all areas of the food handler training
4 curriculum.
5 (5) Program providers must also:
6 (a) Have the ability to provide training and an assessment;
7 (b) Have the ability to safeguard the training and assessment
8 materials;
9 (c) Offer the training and assessment materials in multiple
10 languages; and
11 (d) Ensure that a knowledgeable person is available to answer
12 questions about the assessment and program content. It is not
13 necessary that the knowledgeable person be present at all times to
14 answer questions.
15 (6) The state board of health may adopt rules necessary to
16 implement this section.
17 (7) This section does not preclude county health departments from
18 operating food and beverage service worker's permit programs.
19 (8) For purposes of this section, "program provider" means an
20 individual or entity approved in food safety training by the state
21 board of health.

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