
SENATE BILL 5829

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By Senators Fain, Keiser, Conway, and Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to paid family leave; and amending RCW 49.78.010.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.78.010 and 2006 c 59 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The legislature finds that the demands of the workplace and of
6 families need to be balanced to promote family stability and economic
7 security. Workplace leave policies are desirable to accommodate
8 changes in the workforce such as rising numbers of dual-career
9 couples, working single parents, and an aging population. In
10 addition, given the mobility of American society, many people no
11 longer have available community or family support networks and
12 therefore need additional flexibility in the workplace. The
13 legislature declares it to be in the public interest to provide
14 reasonable paid family leave for medical reasons, for the birth or
15 placement of a child for adoption or foster care with the employee,
16 ((and)) for the care of a family member who has a serious health
17 condition, and for a qualifying exigency under the federal family and
18 medical leave act.

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