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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Long and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to caseload requirements for department of social
2 and health services personnel; and amending RCW 43.20A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20A.010 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 211 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The department of social and health services is designed to
7 integrate and coordinate all those activities involving provision of
8 care for individuals who, as a result of their economic, social or
9 health condition, require financial assistance, institutional care,
10 rehabilitation or other social and health services. In order to
11 provide for maximum efficiency of operation consistent with meeting the
12 needs of those served or affected, the department will encompass
13 substantially all of the powers, duties and functions vested by law on
14 June 30, 1970, in the department of public assistance, the department
15 of institutions, the veterans' rehabilitation council and the division
16 of vocational rehabilitation of the coordinating council on
17 occupational education. The department will concern itself with
18 changing social needs, and will expedite the development and
19 implementation of programs designed to achieve its goals. In

1 furtherance of this policy, it is the legislative intent to set forth
2 only the broad outline of the structure of the department, leaving
3 specific details of its internal organization and management to those
4 charged with its administration. In no event shall administration
5 costs for any single administration or the agency as a whole exceed
6 twelve percent of the total agency budget. The department shall expand
7 its current caseload carrying capacity by requiring supervisors,
8 managers, trainers, and any other professional staff who may be
9 qualified to carry a caseload, to do so in addition to managing,
10 supervising, or other duties. The goal is to maximize caseload
11 carrying capacity, while reducing or keeping administration expenses to
12 a minimum.

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