

SHB 2121 - H AMD 224

By Representative Caldier

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 6, strike all of section 1 and insert
2 the following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.12.037 and 2014 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall adopt rules establishing income
7 eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for
8 a child, other than a foster child, who lives with a caregiver other
9 than his or her parents. The department shall establish a sliding
10 scale benefit standard for a child when the income of the child's
11 caregiver is above two hundred percent but below (~~three~~) four
12 hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on family size. A
13 caregiver with an income above (~~three~~) four hundred percent of the
14 federal poverty level shall not be eligible for temporary assistance
15 for needy families benefits for a child, not a foster child, who is
16 residing with that caregiver.

17 (2)(a) For purposes of this section, the department may, by
18 rule, exempt fifty percent of a caregiver's unearned income in
19 determining eligibility and benefit standards. This is in addition
20 to other exemptions authorized by law.

21 (b) For purposes of this subsection, "unearned income" means
22 income received from a source other than employment or self-
23 employment."

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25 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
26 references accordingly.

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27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Does not repeal the income eligibility requirements and instead increases the income eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a child who lives with a nonparent caregiver from 300 percent to 400 percent of FPL.

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