

SHB 2398 - H AMD 766

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1 On page 1, line 14, after "service." insert "A prospective juror
2 may be excused from jury service by the court upon a showing that the
3 prospective juror is: (a) A single parent with a minor child or minor
4 children living at home; (b) an individual engaged in job search
5 requirements for unemployment benefits; or (c) a participant in the
6 temporary assistance for needy families work first program activities,
7 including but not limited to employment services, commerce employment
8 programs, education and training, limited English proficiency pathway
9 services, or barrier removal activities."

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11 On page 2, after line 7, insert the following:

12 "Sec. 2. RCW 2.36.100 and 2015 c 7 s 2 are each amended to read as
13 follows:

14 (1) Except for a person who is not qualified for jury service
15 under RCW 2.36.070, no person may be excused from jury service by
16 the court except upon a showing of undue hardship, extreme
17 inconvenience, public necessity, excuse allowable under RCW
18 2.36.080(2), or any reason deemed sufficient by the court for a
19 period of time the court deems necessary.

20 (2) At the discretion of the court's designee, after a request
21 by a prospective juror to be excused, a prospective juror excused
22 from juror service for a particular time may be assigned to another
23 jury term within the twelve-month period. If the assignment to
24 another jury term is made at the time a juror is excused from the
25 jury term for which he or she was summoned, a second summons under
26 RCW 2.36.095 need not be issued.

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1 (3) When the jury source list has been fully summoned within a
2 consecutive twelve-month period and additional jurors are needed,
3 jurors who have already served during the consecutive twelve-month
4 period may be summoned again for service. A juror who has previously
5 served may only be excused if he or she served at least one week of
6 juror service within the preceding twelve months. An excuse for
7 prior service shall be granted only upon the written request of the
8 prospective juror, which request shall certify the terms of prior
9 service. Prior jury service may include service in superior court,
10 in a court of limited jurisdiction, in the United States District
11 Court, or on a jury of inquest."

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13 Correct title.

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EFFECT: Provides that a court may excuse a prospective juror upon a showing that the juror is a single parent with a minor child or children living at home; an individual engaged in job search requirements for unemployment benefits; or a participant in Work First program activities through the temporary assistance for needy families.

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