SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1808

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, McDonald, Kagi, Caldier, Senn, Graves, Lovick, Dent, McBride, Farrell, Wylie, Slatter, Macri, Doglio, Robinson, Ortiz-Self, Ormsby, Sells, Fey, Frame, Muri, Riccelli, Springer, Jinkins, Gregerson, Stanford, and Pollet)

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- AN ACT Relating to providing support for foster youth in obtaining drivers' licenses and automobile liability insurance; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and creating a new
- 4 section.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 7 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this 9 specific purpose, the department shall contract with a private 10 nonprofit organization that agrees to work collaboratively with 11 independent living providers and the department and is selected after 12 a competitive application process to provide driver's license support 13 for foster youth, including youth receiving extended foster care 14 services.
- 15 (2) The nonprofit organization selected pursuant to subsection 16 (1) of this section shall provide support for foster youth ages 17 fifteen through twenty-one, including youth receiving extended foster 18 care services, in navigating the driver's licensing process. This 19 support must include:
- 20 (a) Reimbursement of fees necessary for a foster youth to obtain 21 a driver's instruction permit, an intermediate license, and a

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standard or enhanced driver's license, including any required examination fees, as described in chapter 46.20 RCW;

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- (b) Reimbursement of fees required for a foster youth to complete a driver training education course, if the foster youth is under the age of eighteen, as outlined in chapter 46.82 or 28A.220 RCW;
- (c) Reimbursement of the increase in motor vehicle liability insurance costs incurred by foster parents, relative placements, or other foster placements adding a foster youth to his or her motor vehicle liability insurance policy.
- (3) By December 1, 2019, the nonprofit organization selected 10 11 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall submit a report to 12 the department and the appropriate committees of the legislature, including the transportation committees of the 13 legislature, documenting the number of foster youth served by the program, the 14 average cost per youth served, and recommendations for future policy 15 or statutory or funding changes necessary to more effectively allow 16 foster youth to obtain drivers' licenses and motor vehicle liability 17 18 insurance.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If specific funding for the purposes of this act is not provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus transportation appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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