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By Senators Lias, Keiser, Conway, Dhingra, Hunt, Nguyen, Nobles, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez, and C. Wilson; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to raising the residential personal needs
2 allowance; and amending RCW 74.09.340.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.340 and 2022 c 164 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 72.36.160, beginning (~~January 1,~~
7 ~~2019~~) July 1, 2023, the personal needs allowance for clients being
8 served in medical institutions and in residential settings is (~~(\$70)~~)
9 \$100.

10 (2) Beginning January 1, (~~2020~~) 2024, and each year thereafter,
11 (~~subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this~~
12 ~~specific purpose,~~) the personal needs allowance for clients being
13 served in medical institutions and in residential settings shall:

14 (a) Be adjusted for economic trends and conditions by increasing
15 the allowance by the percentage cost-of-living adjustment for old-
16 age, survivors, and disability social security benefits as published
17 by the federal social security administration; and

18 (b) Not exceed the maximum personal needs allowance permissible
19 under the federal social security act.

20 (3) Unless subject to a separate determination of a monthly
21 maintenance needs allowance for a community spouse by authority rule,

1 beginning July 1, 2022, the personal needs allowance for a client
2 receiving home and community-based waiver services authorized by home
3 and community services while living at home shall:

4 (a) Be adjusted to an amount that is no less than 300 percent of
5 the federal benefit rate; and

6 (b) Not exceed the maximum personal needs allowance permissible
7 under the federal social security act.

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