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3 On page 5, after line 27, insert the following sections:

4 "Sec. 4." RCW 26.19.001 and 1988 c 275 s 1 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature intends, in establishing a child support  
7 schedule, to insure that child support orders are adequate to meet  
8 a child's basic needs and to provide additional child support  
9 commensurate with the parents' own income((~~7~~)) and resources((~~7~~ and  
10 standard of living)) while recognizing that all parties to a  
11 divorce may by necessity suffer a reduced standard of living as a  
12 result of the divorce. The legislature also intends that the child  
13 support obligation should be equitably apportioned between the  
14 parents.

15 The legislature finds that these goals will be best achieved  
16 by the adoption and use of a state-wide child support schedule.  
17 Use of a state-wide schedule will benefit children and their  
18 parents by:

19 (1) Increasing the adequacy of child support orders through  
20 the use of economic data as the basis for establishing the child  
21 support schedule;

22 (2) Increasing the equity of child support orders by providing  
23 for comparable orders in cases with similar circumstances; and

24 (3) Reducing the adversarial nature of the proceedings by  
25 increasing voluntary settlements as a result of the greater

1 predictability achieved by a uniform state-wide child support  
2 schedule.

3 RENUMBER THE REMAINING SECTIONS CONSECUTIVELY AND CORRECT  
4 INTERNAL REFERENCES ACCORDINGLY

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "26.09.225," insert  
8 "26.19.001,"

**EFFECT:** An intent section identical to the one in 5120 is added. The section provides that the legislature in establishing a child support schedule recognizes that all parties to a divorce may by necessity suffer a reduced standard of living as a result of the divorce. A title amendment is included.