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1 AN ACT Relating to family impact statements; and adding a new
2 section to Title 26 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to Title 26 RCW to
5 read as follows:

6 Governmental entities shall submit a statement and hold hearings to
7 show the potential impact of a proposed action on the rights of parents
8 and family units formed by blood, marriage, or adoption prior to taking
9 the action. The governmental entity shall answer at least the
10 following:

11 (1) Whether the governmental action increases or reduces annual
12 household income;

13 (2) Whether the governmental action enhances or diminishes the
14 institution of marriage and the marital commitment;

1 (3) Whether the action reinforces or reduces the authority of
2 parents, particularly in the areas of education, nurture, and
3 supervision, and inculcation of the family's values and beliefs;

4 (4) Whether the action assists the family in performing its
5 functions or substitutes governmental activities for those functions;

6 (5) Whether the action can be carried out by a lower or more local
7 level of government;

8 (6) Whether the activity can be carried out by the private sector;

9 (7) What message the governmental action is sending to young people
10 about behavior, personal responsibility, and the norms of society.