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By Senators Thorsness, Bailey, Skratek, Oke, Pelz, Murray, A. Smith, Johnson, Anderson, Patterson, Sellar, Metcalf, Hayner, Craswell, L. Smith, Nelson, Bauer, Conner, Sutherland and Gaspard.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the general fund--state operating budget on K-12  
2 education; and adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature that the general fund--  
7 state operating budget reflect the state's paramount duty as provided  
8 under Article IX of the state Constitution.

9 (2) Beginning with the 1992-93 fiscal year and each fiscal year  
10 thereafter, the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget  
11 for K-12 education shall be increased by a minimum of one percent until  
12 the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget for K-12  
13 education is at or above fifty percent.

14 (3) Once the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget  
15 for K-12 education is at or above fifty percent, the percentage level

1 shall not fall below fifty percent of the general fund--state operating  
2 budget for K-12 education.