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3 By Representative Boldt

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that welfare fraud  
8 damages the state's ability to use its limited resources to help those  
9 in need who legitimately qualify for assistance. In addition, it  
10 affects the credibility and integrity of the system, promoting disdain  
11 for the law.

12 Persons convicted of committing such fraud should be barred, for a  
13 period of time, from receiving additional public assistance.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.08.290 and 1959 c 26 s 74.08.290 are each amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 The department is hereby authorized to suspend temporarily the  
17 public assistance granted to any person for any period during which  
18 such person is not in need thereof.

19 If a recipient is convicted of any crime or offense, and punished  
20 by imprisonment, no payment shall be made during the period of  
21 imprisonment.

22 If a recipient is convicted of unlawful practices under RCW  
23 74.08.331, no payment shall be made for a period to be determined by  
24 the court, but in no event less than six months upon the first  
25 conviction and no less than twelve months for a second or subsequent  
26 violation. This suspension of public assistance shall apply regardless  
27 of whether the recipient is subject to complete or partial confinement  
28 upon conviction, or incurs some lesser penalty.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.04.062 and 1973 c 152 s 2 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 Upon written request of a person who has been properly identified  
32 as an officer of the law with a felony arrest warrant or a properly  
33 identified United States immigration official with a warrant for an  
34 illegal alien the department shall disclose to such officer the current

1 address and location of the person properly described in the warrant.  
2 However, this rule does not restrict in any manner whatsoever the  
3 disclosure of address and location information by the department  
4 pursuant to its implementation of the federal "systematic alien  
5 verification for entitlements" program or pursuant to section 4 of this  
6 act.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The department shall implement the federal "systematic alien  
10 verification for entitlements" program, the "SAVE" program. The  
11 department shall:

12 (1) Coordinate with other state agencies, including but not limited  
13 to the employment security department, to ensure that persons receiving  
14 federal or state funds are eligible in terms of citizenship and  
15 residency status;

16 (2) Post at every community service office a sign letting  
17 applicants and recipients know that illegal aliens will be reported to  
18 the United States immigration and naturalization service and that the  
19 systematic alien verification for entitlements program is in use in the  
20 office; and

21 (3) Systematically use all processes available to verify  
22 eligibility in terms of the citizenship and residency status of  
23 applicants and recipients for public assistance.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The department shall have the SAVE program  
25 in full force and effect by September 30, 1995, and report to the  
26 fiscal committees of the house of representatives and senate by  
27 December 1, 1995, regarding the progress of implementation and outcomes  
28 by region of the program."

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1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "fraud;" strike the remainder  
2 of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.08.290 and 74.04.062; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW; and creating new sections."

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