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3 By Senators Hochstatter and Wojahn

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5 On page 3, after line 35, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The office of support enforcement shall  
7 establish a pilot project to enter into contracts with collection  
8 agencies for collection of accounts that the office of support  
9 enforcement is unsuccessful in collecting after twelve months. The  
10 listing collection agency shall not assess the department any fee. All  
11 fees collected shall be in addition to the amount of the debt owed by  
12 the delinquent party and shall be assessed to the delinquent party not  
13 to exceed twenty percent of the amount owed. All child support  
14 collected by the collection agency shall be paid to the state.

15 (2) The department shall monitor each case that it refers to a  
16 collection agency.

17 (3) The department shall evaluate the effectiveness of entering  
18 into contracts for services under this section.

19 (4) The pilot project shall begin July 1, 1995, and end July 1,  
20 1997.

21 (5) The department shall report to the legislature on the results  
22 of its analysis under subsections (2) and (3) of this section by  
23 December 1, 1998."

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively.

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28 On page 5, after line 2, insert the following:

29 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The governor and the department of social  
30 and health services shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers  
31 from and amendments to federal statutes, rules, and regulations and  
32 shall report to the appropriate committees in the house of

1 representatives and senate quarterly on the efforts to secure the  
2 federal changes to permit full implementation of section 2 of this act  
3 at the earliest possible date.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** In the event that the department of social  
5 and health services is not able to obtain the necessary exemptions,  
6 waivers, or amendments referred to in section 4 of this act before  
7 January 1, 1998, this act shall expire on that date and shall have no  
8 further force or effect.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
12 effect immediately."

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16 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "67.70.255;" strike "and" and  
17 on line 3, after "RCW" insert "; creating new sections; providing a  
18 contingent expiration date; and declaring an emergency"

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EFFECT: Contract out child support collections after 12 months of  
unsuccessful collection by the office of support enforcement.