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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6336

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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Prentice, Fairley, Oke, Fraser, Swecker, Shin, Kline, Rockefeller, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Franklin, Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Brown and Sheldon)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of income for public assistance;
- 2 and creating new sections.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health services
- 5 shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers from and amendments to
- 6 federal statutes, rules, and regulations to exempt housing assistance
- 7 or housing vouchers received by military personnel as income for
- 8 purposes of determining eligibility under this act for food stamps or
- 9 food stamp benefits transferred electronically and medical assistance.
- 10 The department shall report annually to the appropriate committees of
- 11 the legislature on the efforts to secure the federal changes to permit
- 12 full implementation of this section.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** If any part of this act is found to be in
- 14 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
- 15 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
- 16 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
- 17 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
- 18 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to

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- 1 the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal
- 2 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
- 3 funds by the state.

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