
HOUSE BILL 2312

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1 AN ACT Relating to legislative oversight of WorkFirst and temporary
2 assistance to needy families; and adding a new section to chapter
3 74.08A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The WorkFirst legislative oversight committee is established
8 for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the workFirst
9 program in promoting personal responsibility among recipients and in
10 helping them attain long-term self-sufficiency. The committee shall
11 consist of the following members:

12 (a) Two members of the Washington state house of representatives,
13 one from each major caucus, to be appointed by the speaker of the house
14 of representatives;

15 (b) Two members of the Washington state senate, one from each major
16 caucus, to be appointed by the president of the senate;

17 (c) The director of the office of financial management;

18 (d) The secretary of the department of social and health services;

19 (e) The commissioner of the employment security department;

1 (f) The director of the department of community, trade, and
2 economic development;

3 (g) The executive director of the state board for community and
4 technical colleges; and

5 (h) The director of the department of early learning.

6 The members of the committee representing the majority caucus in
7 the house of representatives and the majority caucus in the senate
8 shall serve as cochairs of the committee.

9 (2) The WorkFirst legislative oversight committee shall meet
10 quarterly, and shall receive monthly written reports on the following
11 measures:

12 (a) Temporary assistance for needy families work participation
13 rates;

14 (b) The number of recipients who exited WorkFirst and entered the
15 workforce;

16 (c) The number of recipients enrolled in postemployment support
17 programs;

18 (d) The percentage increase in earning capacity for recipients who
19 exited WorkFirst and entered the workforce;

20 (e) The number of recipients in sanction status;

21 (f) The number of recipients receiving working connections child
22 care subsidies; and

23 (g) Temporary assistance for needy families expenditures in each
24 major activity.

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