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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Murray; by request of Office of Financial Management)

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AN ACT Relating to temporary compensation reductions for state government employees during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium; amending RCW 43.03.030, 41.60.150, 41.06.560, 41.04.340, and 43.01.041; reenacting and amending RCW 41.06.070, 41.06.133, 41.06.500, and 43.03.040; adding a new section to chapter 41.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.03 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW 10 to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in this section, from July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, base salaries are reduced three percent for all state employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, including those employees in the Washington management service and employees not subject to the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW.

(2) The following employees of the executive, legislative, andjudicial branches are not subject to subsection (1) of this section:

18 (a) Elected officials whose salaries are set by the commission on19 salaries for elected officials;

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(b) Employees at state institutions of higher education;

2 (c) Certificated employees of the state school for the blind and
3 the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss;

4 (d) Commissioned officers of the Washington state patrol
5 represented by the state patrol troopers association and the Washington
6 state patrol lieutenants association;

7 (e) Represented ferry workers of the Washington state department of8 transportation; and

9 (f) Employees whose monthly full-time equivalent salary is less 10 than two thousand five hundred dollars per month.

11 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if an 12 employee subject to the three percent salary reduction under subsection 13 (1) of this section is entitled to leave, the employee will receive temporary salary reduction leave of up to five and two-tenths hours per 14 15 The director of the department of personnel shall adopt rules month. governing the accrual and use of temporary salary reduction leave for 16 17 nonrepresented employees. For represented employees, the accrual and 18 use of temporary salary reduction leave shall be in accordance with the 19 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements.

20 (4) If provisions of collective bargaining agreements prevent the 21 implementation of subsection (1) of this section, agencies of the 22 executive, legislative, and judicial branches shall achieve a three 23 percent salary reduction for each employee through employee leave 24 without pay, mandatory and voluntary temporary layoffs, reduced work or other actions consistent with collective bargaining 25 hours, 26 This subsection does not prohibit an agency from granting agreements. 27 temporary salary reduction leave for employees entitled to leave in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. 28

(5) Subsection (2) of this section does not prohibit employers of 29 30 the executive, legislative, and judicial branches from implementing a salary reduction for employees exempted under subsection (2) of this 31 Employers of the executive, legislative, and judicial 32 section. 33 branches are encouraged to implement a salary reduction for employees exempted under subsection (2) of this section, except for those 34 35 employees whose monthly full-time equivalent salary is less than two 36 thousand five hundred dollars per month.

37 (6) Subsection (2) of this section does not prohibit elected

officials whose salaries are set by the commission on salaries for elected officials to voluntarily agree to a reduction in salary and elected officials are encouraged to take such action.

4 (7) This section does not prohibit a state agency or institution 5 during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium from instituting reduced work 6 hours, mandatory or voluntary leave without pay, reductions in 7 salaries, or temporary layoffs as an integral part of the employer's 8 expenditure reduction efforts, as certified by the employer. This 9 subsection must be implemented consistent with collective bargaining 10 agreements.

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.03 RCW 12 to read as follows:

(1) From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, any state elected official of the executive branch may voluntarily reduce his or her salary from that established pursuant to Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution by three percent.

17 (2) The department of personnel and office of financial management 18 shall develop a form to be used by any state elected official of the 19 executive branch to execute the salary reduction under subsection (1) 20 of this section through the state's central personnel payroll system.

(3) A voluntary reduction in salary shall be effective and continue through June 29, 2013, unless the state elected official of the executive branch directs in writing that the department of personnel discontinue the reduction.

25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. (1) Except as provided in this section, 26 institutions of higher education are to achieve compensation reductions 27 as specifically set forth in the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium omnibus 28 appropriations act.

(2) Student employees and employees whose monthly full-time
 equivalent salary is less than two thousand five hundred dollars per
 month are not subject to subsection (1) of this section.

32 (3) This section does not prohibit institutions of higher education 33 from implementing temporary salary reduction leave for employees who 34 are entitled to leave. **Sec. 4.** RCW 41.06.070 and 2010 c 271 s 801, 2010 c 2 s 2, and 2010 c 1 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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(1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

4 (a) The members of the legislature or to any employee of, or 5 position in, the legislative branch of the state government including 6 members, officers, and employees of the legislative council, joint 7 legislative audit and review committee, statute law committee, and any 8 interim committee of the legislature;

9 (b) The justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of 10 appeals, judges of the superior courts or of the inferior courts, or to 11 any employee of, or position in the judicial branch of state 12 government;

13 (c) Officers, academic personnel, and employees of technical 14 colleges;

15 (d) The officers of the Washington state patrol;

16 (e) Elective officers of the state;

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(f) The chief executive officer of each agency;

(g) In the departments of employment security and social and health services, the director and the director's confidential secretary; in all other departments, the executive head of which is an individual appointed by the governor, the director, his or her confidential secretary, and his or her statutory assistant directors;

(h) In the case of a multimember board, commission, or committee,
whether the members thereof are elected, appointed by the governor or
other authority, serve ex officio, or are otherwise chosen:

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(i) All members of such boards, commissions, or committees;

(ii) If the members of the board, commission, or committee serve on a part-time basis and there is a statutory executive officer: The secretary of the board, commission, or committee; the chief executive officer of the board, commission, or committee; and the confidential secretary of the chief executive officer of the board, commission, or committee;

(iii) If the members of the board, commission, or committee serve on a full-time basis: The chief executive officer or administrative officer as designated by the board, commission, or committee; and a confidential secretary to the chair of the board, commission, or committee;

(iv) If all members of the board, commission, or committee serve ex
 officio: The chief executive officer; and the confidential secretary
 of such chief executive officer;

4 (i) The confidential secretaries and administrative assistants in 5 the immediate offices of the elective officers of the state;

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(j) Assistant attorneys general;

7 (k) Commissioned and enlisted personnel in the military service of8 the state;

9 (1) Inmate, student, part-time, or temporary employees, and part-10 time professional consultants, as defined by the Washington personnel 11 resources board;

(m) The public printer or to any employees of or positions in thestate printing plant;

14 (n) Officers and employees of the Washington state fruit 15 commission;

16 (o) Officers and employees of the Washington apple commission;

17 (p) Officers and employees of the Washington state dairy products 18 commission;

19 (q) Officers and employees of the Washington tree fruit research 20 commission;

21 (r) Officers and employees of the Washington state beef commission;

22 (s) Officers and employees of the Washington grain commission;

23 (t) Officers and employees of any commission formed under chapter 24 15.66 RCW;

(u) Officers and employees of agricultural commissions formed under
 chapter 15.65 RCW;

27 (v) ((Officers and employees of the nonprofit corporation formed 28 under chapter 67.40 RCW;

29 (w)) Executive assistants for personnel administration and labor 30 relations in all state agencies employing such executive assistants 31 including but not limited to all departments, offices, commissions, 32 committees, boards, or other bodies subject to the provisions of this 33 chapter and this subsection shall prevail over any provision of law 34 inconsistent herewith unless specific exception is made in such law;

35 (((x))) (w) In each agency with fifty or more employees: Deputy 36 agency heads, assistant directors or division directors, and not more 37 than three principal policy assistants who report directly to the 38 agency head or deputy agency heads; 1

 $(((\frac{y})))$ (x) All employees of the marine employees' commission;

2 (((z))) <u>(y)</u> Staff employed by the department of commerce to 3 administer energy policy functions;

4 (((aa))) <u>(z)</u> The manager of the energy facility site evaluation 5 council;

6 (((bb))) (aa) A maximum of ten staff employed by the department of 7 commerce to administer innovation and policy functions, including the 8 three principal policy assistants exempted under (((x))) (w) of this 9 subsection;

10 (((cc))) <u>(bb)</u> Staff employed by Washington State University to 11 administer energy education, applied research, and technology transfer 12 programs under RCW 43.21F.045 as provided in RCW 28B.30.900(5).

13 (2) The following classifications, positions, and employees of 14 institutions of higher education and related boards are hereby exempted 15 from coverage of this chapter:

(a) Members of the governing board of each institution of higher 16 17 education and related boards, all presidents, vice presidents, and their confidential secretaries, 18 administrative, and personal assistants; deans, directors, and chairs; academic personnel; and 19 20 executive heads of major administrative or academic divisions employed 21 by institutions of higher education; principal assistants to executive 22 heads of major administrative or academic divisions; other managerial 23 or professional employees in an institution or related board having 24 substantial responsibility for directing or controlling program operations and accountable for allocation of resources and program 25 26 results, or for the formulation of institutional policy, or for 27 carrying out personnel administration or labor relations functions, legislative relations, public information, development, senior computer 28 29 systems and network programming, or internal audits and investigations; 30 and any employee of a community college district whose place of work is one which is physically located outside the state of Washington and who 31 32 is employed pursuant to RCW 28B.50.092 and assigned to an educational 33 program operating outside of the state of Washington;

(b) The governing board of each institution, and related boards,
 may also exempt from this chapter classifications involving research
 activities, counseling of students, extension or continuing education
 activities, graphic arts or publications activities requiring
 prescribed academic preparation or special training as determined by

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1 the board: PROVIDED, That no nonacademic employee engaged in office, 2 clerical, maintenance, or food and trade services may be exempted by 3 the board under this provision;

4 (c) Printing craft employees in the department of printing at the 5 University of Washington.

б (3) In addition to the exemptions specifically provided by this 7 chapter, the director of personnel may provide for further exemptions 8 pursuant to the following procedures. The governor or other 9 appropriate elected official may submit requests for exemption to the 10 director of personnel stating the reasons for requesting such exemptions. The director of personnel shall hold a public hearing, 11 12 after proper notice, on requests submitted pursuant to this subsection. 13 If the director determines that the position for which exemption is requested is one involving substantial responsibility for the 14 15 formulation of basic agency or executive policy or one involving directing and controlling program operations of an agency or a major 16 administrative division thereof, the director of personnel shall grant 17 the request and such determination shall be final as to any decision 18 made before July 1, 1993. The total number of additional exemptions 19 20 permitted under this subsection shall not exceed one percent of the 21 number of employees in the classified service not including employees 22 of institutions of higher education and related boards for those agencies not directly under the authority of any elected public 23 24 official other than the governor, and shall not exceed a total of twenty-five for all agencies under the authority of elected public 25 26 officials other than the governor.

27 The salary and fringe benefits of all positions presently or hereafter exempted except for the chief executive officer of each 28 agency, full-time members of boards and commissions, administrative 29 30 assistants and confidential secretaries in the immediate office of an elected state official, and the personnel listed in subsections (1)(j) 31 32 through $\left(\left(\frac{v}{v}\right)\right)$ (u) and $\left(\left(\frac{v}{v}\right)\right)$ (x) and (2) of this section, shall be determined by the director of personnel. Changes to the classification 33 plan affecting exempt salaries must meet the same provisions for 34 classified salary increases resulting from adjustments to 35 the 36 classification plan as outlined in RCW 41.06.152.

37 From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, salaries for all

1 positions exempt from classification under this chapter are subject to

2 <u>section 1 of this act.</u>

From February 18, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 2013, a salary or 3 4 wage increase shall not be granted to any position exempt from classification under this chapter, except that a salary or wage 5 increase may be granted to employees pursuant to collective bargaining б 7 agreements negotiated under chapter 28B.52, 41.56, 47.64, or 41.76 RCW, 8 ((or negotiated by the nonprofit corporation formed under chapter 67.40 RCW,)) and except that increases may be granted for positions for which 9 10 the employer has demonstrated difficulty retaining qualified employees if the following conditions are met: 11

12 (a) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources; 13 ((and))

14 (b) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision of 15 client services; and

16 (c) For any state agency of the executive branch, not including 17 institutions of higher education, the salary increase is approved by 18 the director of the office of financial management.

Any agency granting a salary increase from February 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to a position exempt from classification under this chapter shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than July 31, 2011, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

Any agency granting a salary increase from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to a position exempt from classification under this chapter shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted during the preceding fiscal year, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

Any person holding a classified position subject to the provisions of this chapter shall, when and if such position is subsequently exempted from the application of this chapter, be afforded the following rights: If such person previously held permanent status in another classified position, such person shall have a right of reversion to the highest class of position previously held, or to a position of similar nature and salary.

Any classified employee having civil service status in a classified position who accepts an appointment in an exempt position shall have the right of reversion to the highest class of position previously held, or to a position of similar nature and salary.

5 A person occupying an exempt position who is terminated from the 6 position for gross misconduct or malfeasance does not have the right of 7 reversion to a classified position as provided for in this section.

8 From February 15, 2010, until June 30, ((2011)) 2013, no monetary 9 performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director 10 or employers to employees covered by rules adopted under this section. 11 This subsection does not prohibit the payment of awards provided for in 12 chapter 41.60 RCW.

From July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2013, no performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director or employers to employees pursuant to a performance management confirmation granted by the department of personnel under WAC 357-37-055.

17 Sec. 5. RCW 41.06.133 and 2010 c 2 s 3 and 2010 c 1 s 2 are each 18 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The director shall adopt rules, consistent with the purposes
 and provisions of this chapter and with the best standards of personnel
 administration, regarding the basis and procedures to be followed for:

(a) The reduction, dismissal, suspension, or demotion of anemployee;

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(b) Training and career development;

(c) Probationary periods of six to twelve months and rejections of probationary employees, depending on the job requirements of the class, except that entry level state park rangers shall serve a probationary period of twelve months;

29 (d) Transfers;

30 (e) Promotional preferences;

31 (f) Sick leaves and vacations;

32 (g) Hours of work;

33 (h) Layoffs when necessary and subsequent reemployment, except for 34 the financial basis for layoffs;

35 (i) The number of names to be certified for vacancies;

36 (j) <u>Subject to section 1 of this act, a</u>doption and revision of a 37 state salary schedule to reflect the prevailing rates in Washington

state private industries and other governmental units. The rates in 1 2 the salary schedules or plans shall be increased if necessary to attain comparable worth under an implementation plan under RCW 41.06.155 and, 3 4 for institutions of higher education and related boards, shall be competitive for positions of a similar nature in the state or the 5 locality in which an institution of higher education or related board б 7 is located. Such adoption and revision is subject to approval by the 8 director of financial management in accordance with chapter 43.88 RCW;

9 (k) Increment increases within the series of steps for each pay 10 grade based on length of service for all employees whose standards of performance are such as to permit them to retain job status in the 11 12 classified service. From February 18, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 13 2013, a salary or wage increase shall not be granted to any exempt 14 position under this chapter, except that a salary or wage increase may be granted to employees pursuant to collective bargaining agreements 15 negotiated under chapter 28B.52, 41.56, 47.64, or 41.76 RCW, ((or 16 17 negotiated by the nonprofit corporation formed under chapter 67.40 18 $\frac{RCW_{\tau}}{T}$) and except that increases may be granted for positions for which 19 the employer has demonstrated difficulty retaining qualified employees if the following conditions are met: 20

(i) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources;
((and))

23 (ii) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision of 24 client services; <u>and</u>

25 (iii) For any state agency of the executive branch, not including 26 institutions of higher education, the salary increase is approved by 27 the director of the office of financial management;

Any agency granting a salary increase from February 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to a position exempt under this chapter shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than July 31, 2011, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases;

Any agency granting a salary increase from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to a position exempt under this chapter shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases 1 were granted during the preceding fiscal year, the size of the 2 increases, and the reasons for giving the increases;

3 (1) Optional lump sum relocation compensation approved by the agency director, whenever it is reasonably necessary that a person make 4 5 a domiciliary move in accepting a transfer or other employment with the An agency must provide lump sum compensation within existing б state. 7 resources. If the person receiving the relocation payment terminates 8 or causes termination with the state, for reasons other than layoff, disability separation, or other good cause as determined by an agency 9 10 director, within one year of the date of the employment, the state is entitled to reimbursement of the lump sum compensation from the person; 11

12 (m) Providing for veteran's preference as required by existing 13 statutes, with recognition of preference in regard to layoffs and subsequent reemployment for veterans and their surviving spouses by 14 giving such eligible veterans and their surviving spouses additional 15 credit in computing their seniority by adding to their unbroken state 16 17 service, as defined by the director, the veteran's service in the military not to exceed five years. For the purposes of this section, 18 "veteran" means any person who has one or more years of active military 19 service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or who 20 21 has less than one year's service and is discharged with a disability 22 incurred in the line of duty or is discharged at the convenience of the government and who, upon termination of such service, has received an 23 24 honorable discharge, a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable 25 record, or a release from active military service with evidence of 26 service other than that for which an undesirable, bad conduct, or 27 dishonorable discharge shall be given. However, the surviving spouse 28 of a veteran is entitled to the benefits of this section regardless of 29 the veteran's length of active military service. For the purposes of 30 this section, "veteran" does not include any person who has voluntarily retired with twenty or more years of active military service and whose 31 32 military retirement pay is in excess of five hundred dollars per month.

33 (2) Rules adopted under this section by the director shall provide 34 for local administration and management by the institutions of higher 35 education and related boards, subject to periodic audit and review by 36 the director.

37 (3) Rules adopted by the director under this section may be38 superseded by the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement

1 negotiated under RCW 41.80.001 and 41.80.010 through 41.80.130. The 2 supersession of such rules shall only affect employees in the 3 respective collective bargaining units.

4 (4)(a) The director shall require that each state agency report5 annually the following data:

6 (i) The number of classified, Washington management service, and 7 exempt employees in the agency and the change compared to the previous 8 report;

9 (ii) The number of bonuses and performance-based incentives awarded 10 to agency staff and the base wages of such employees; and

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(iii) The cost of each bonus or incentive awarded.

(b) A report that compiles the data in (a) of this subsection for all agencies will be provided annually to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature and must be posted for the public on the department of personnel's agency web site.

16 (5) From February 15, 2010, until June 30, ((2011)) 2013, no 17 monetary performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the 18 director or employers to employees covered by rules adopted under this 19 section. This subsection does not prohibit the payment of awards 20 provided for in chapter 41.60 RCW.

From July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2013, no performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director or employers to employees pursuant to a performance management confirmation granted by the department of personnel under WAC 357-37-055.

Sec. 6. RCW 41.06.500 and 2010 c 2 s 4 and 2010 c 1 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (1) Except as provided in RCW 41.06.070 and subject to section 1 of this act, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the 28 29 director is authorized to adopt, after consultation with state agencies and employee organizations, rules for managers as defined in RCW 30 31 41.06.022. These rules shall not apply to managers employed by 32 institutions of higher education or related boards or whose positions 33 exempt. The rules shall govern recruitment, are appointment, 34 classification and allocation of positions, examination, training and 35 development, hours of work, probation, certification, career 36 compensation, transfer, affirmative action, promotion, lavoff, 37 reemployment, performance appraisals, discipline, and any and all other

personnel practices for managers. These rules shall be separate from rules adopted for other employees, and to the extent that the rules adopted under this section apply only to managers shall take precedence over rules adopted for other employees, and are not subject to review by the board.

6 (2) In establishing rules for managers, the director shall adhere 7 to the following goals:

8 (a) Development of a simplified classification system that 9 facilitates movement of managers between agencies and promotes upward 10 mobility;

(b) Creation of a compensation system that provides flexibility in setting and changing salaries, and shall require review and approval by the director in the case of any salary changes greater than five percent proposed for any group of employees;

(c) Establishment of a performance appraisal system that emphasizes individual accountability for program results and efficient management of resources; effective planning, organization, and communication skills; valuing and managing workplace diversity; development of leadership and interpersonal abilities; and employee development;

20 Strengthening management training and career development (d) 21 programs that build critical management knowledge, skills, and 22 abilities; focusing on managing and valuing workplace diversity; 23 empowering employees by enabling them to share in workplace decision 24 making and to be innovative, willing to take risks, and able to accept 25 and deal with change; promoting a workplace where the overall focus is 26 on the recipient of the government services and how these services can 27 be improved; and enhancing mobility and career advancement 28 opportunities;

(e) Permitting flexible recruitment and hiring procedures that enable agencies to compete effectively with other employers, both public and private, for managers with appropriate skills and training; allowing consideration of all qualified candidates for positions as managers; and achieving affirmative action goals and diversity in the workplace;

35 (f) Providing that managers may only be reduced, dismissed,36 suspended, or demoted for cause; and

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(g) Facilitating decentralized and regional administration.

1 (3) From February 18, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 2013, a 2 salary or wage increase shall not be granted to any position under this 3 section, except that increases may be granted for positions for which 4 the employer has demonstrated difficulty retaining qualified employees 5 if the following conditions are met:

6 (a) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources; 7 ((and))

8 (b) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision of 9 client services<u>; and</u>

10 (c) For any state agency of the executive branch, not including 11 institutions of higher education, the salary increase is approved by 12 the director of the office of financial management.

Any agency granting a salary increase from February 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to a position under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than July 31, 2011, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

Any agency granting a salary increase from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to a position under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted during the preceding fiscal year, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

(4) From February 15, 2010, until June 30, ((2011)) 2013, no monetary performance-based awards or growth and development progression adjustments may be granted by the director or employers to the Washington management service employees covered by the rules adopted under this section. This subsection does not prohibit the payment of awards provided for in chapter 41.60 RCW.

From July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2013, no performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director or employers to employees pursuant to a performance management confirmation granted by the department of personnel under WAC 357-37-055.

35 From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, salaries for all
 36 positions under this section are subject to section 1 of this act.

1 Sec. 7. RCW 43.03.030 and 2010 c 1 s 4 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 (1) Wherever the compensation of any appointive state officer or 4 employee is fixed by statute, it may be hereafter increased or 5 decreased in the manner provided by law for the fixing of compensation 6 of other appointive state officers or employees; but this subsection 7 shall not apply to the heads of state departments.

8 (2) Wherever the compensation of any state officer appointed by the 9 governor, or of any employee in any office or department under the 10 control of any such officer, is fixed by statute, such compensation may 11 hereafter, from time to time, be changed by the governor, and he or she 12 shall have power to fix such compensation at any amount not to exceed 13 the amount fixed by statute.

14 (3) From February 18, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 2013, a 15 salary or wage increase shall not be granted to any position under this 16 section, except that increases may be granted for positions for which 17 the employer has demonstrated difficulty retaining qualified employees 18 if the following conditions are met:

19 (a) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources; 20 ((and))

(b) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision of client services; and

23 (c) For any state agency of the executive branch, not including 24 institutions of higher education, the salary increase is approved by 25 the director of the office of financial management.

Any agency granting a salary increase from February 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to a position exempt under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than July 31, 2011, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

Any agency granting a salary increase from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to a position exempt under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted during the preceding fiscal year, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases. 1 From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, salaries for all

2 positions under this section are subject to section 1 of this act.

3 Sec. 8. RCW 43.03.040 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 5 and 2010 c 1 s 5 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 Subject to section 1 of this act, the directors of the several departments and members of the several boards and commissions, whose б 7 salaries are fixed by the governor and the chief executive officers of the agencies named in RCW 43.03.028(1) as now or hereafter amended 8 9 shall each severally receive such salaries, payable in monthly 10 installments, as shall be fixed by the governor or the appropriate 11 salary fixing authority, in an amount not to exceed the recommendations 12 of the department of personnel. From February 18, 2009, through June 13 30, $\left(\frac{2011}{2}\right)$ 2013, a salary or wage increase shall not be granted to any position under this section, except that increases may be granted 14 for positions for which the employer has demonstrated difficulty 15 retaining qualified employees if the following conditions are met: 16

17 (1) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources; 18 ((and))

19 (2) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision 20 ((of)) <u>of</u> client services; <u>and</u>

21 (3) For any state agency of the executive branch, not including 22 institutions of higher education, the salary increase is approved by 23 the director of the office of financial management.

Any agency granting a salary increase from February 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to a position under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature no later than July 31, 2011, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

Any agency granting a salary increase from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, to a position under this section shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted during the preceding fiscal year, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases. 1 Sec. 9. RCW 41.60.150 and 2010 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 Other than suggestion awards and incentive pay unit awards, 4 agencies shall have the authority to recognize employees, either individually or as a class, for accomplishments including outstanding 5 achievements, safety performance, longevity, outstanding б public 7 service, or service as employee suggestion evaluators and implementors. 8 Recognition awards may not exceed two hundred dollars in value per 9 Such awards may include, but not be limited to, cash or such award. 10 items as pen and desk sets, plaques, pins, framed certificates, clocks, and calculators. Award costs shall be paid by the agency giving the 11 12 award. From February 15, 2010, through June 30, ((2011)) 2013, recognition awards may not be given in the form of cash or cash 13 14 equivalents such as gift certificates or gift cards.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. (1) Notwithstanding sections 4 through 8 of this act, during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium institutions of higher education may grant a wage or salary increase for additional academic responsibilities during the summer quarter if the following conditions are met:

20 (a) The salary increase can be paid within existing resources; and

(b) The salary increase will not adversely impact the provision of client services.

(2) Any institution granting a wage or salary increase under this section from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, shall submit a report to the fiscal committees of the legislature by July 31, 2012, and July 31, 2013, detailing the positions for which salary increases were granted, the size of the increases, and the reasons for giving the increases.

29 Sec. 11. RCW 41.06.560 and 2010 c 2 s 6 are each amended to read 30 as follows:

From February 15, 2010, until June 30, ((2011)) 2013, no monetary performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director or employers to employees covered by rules adopted under this section. This section does not prohibit the payment of awards provided for in chapter 41.60 RCW.

From July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2013, no performance-based awards or incentives may be granted by the director or employers to employees pursuant to a performance management confirmation granted by the department of personnel under WAC 357-37-055.

5 **Sec. 12.** RCW 41.04.340 and 2002 c 354 s 227 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 (1) An attendance incentive program is established for all eligible employees. As used in this section the term "eligible employee" means 8 9 any employee of the state, other than eligible employees of the 10 community and technical colleges and the state board for community and 11 technical colleges identified in RCW 28B.50.553, and teaching and 12 research faculty at the state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College, entitled to accumulate sick leave and for whom 13 accurate sick leave records have been maintained. No employee may 14 receive compensation under this section for any portion of sick leave 15 16 accumulated at a rate in excess of one day per month. The state and 17 regional universities and The Evergreen State College shall maintain 18 complete and accurate sick leave records for all teaching and research faculty. 19

20 (2) In January of the year following any year in which a minimum of 21 sixty days of sick leave is accrued, and each January thereafter, any 22 eligible employee may receive remuneration for unused sick leave 23 accumulated in the previous year at a rate equal to one day's monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days of accrued sick 24 25 leave in excess of sixty days. Sick leave for which compensation has 26 been received shall be deducted from accrued sick leave at the rate of 27 four days for every one day's monetary compensation.

(3) At the time of separation from state service due to retirement or death, an eligible employee or the employee's estate may elect to receive remuneration at a rate equal to one day's current monetary compensation of the employee for each four full days of accrued sick leave. From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, the rate of monetary compensation for the purposes of this subsection shall not be reduced by any temporary salary reduction.

(4) Remuneration or benefits received under this section shall not
 be included for the purpose of computing a retirement allowance under
 any public retirement system in this state.

1 (5) Except as provided in subsections (7) through (9) of this 2 section for employees not covered by chapter 41.06 RCW, this section 3 shall be administered, and rules shall be adopted to carry out its 4 purposes, by the director of personnel for persons subject to chapter 5 41.06 RCW: PROVIDED, That determination of classes of eligible 6 employees shall be subject to approval by the office of financial 7 management.

8 (6) Should the legislature revoke any remuneration or benefits 9 granted under this section, no affected employee shall be entitled 10 thereafter to receive such benefits as a matter of contractual right.

11 (7) In lieu of remuneration for unused sick leave at retirement as 12 provided in subsection (3) of this section, an agency head or designee 13 may with equivalent funds, provide eligible employees with a benefit plan that provides for reimbursement for medical expenses. 14 This plan 15 shall be implemented only after consultation with affected groups of For eligible employees covered by chapter 41.06 RCW, 16 employees. procedures for the implementation of these plans shall be adopted by 17 the director of personnel. For eligible employees exempt from chapter 18 19 41.06 RCW, and classified employees who have opted out of coverage of 20 chapter 41.06 RCW as provided in RCW 41.56.201, implementation 21 procedures shall be adopted by an agency head having jurisdiction over 22 the employees.

23 (8) Implementing procedures adopted by the director of personnel or 24 agency heads shall require that each medical expense plan authorized by 25 subsection (7) of this section apply to all eligible employees in any 26 one of the following groups: (a) Employees in an agency; (b) employees 27 in a major organizational subdivision of an agency; (c) employees at a 28 major operating location of an agency; (d) exempt employees under the 29 jurisdiction of an elected or appointed Washington state executive; (e) 30 employees of the Washington state senate; (f) employees of the Washington state house of representatives; (g) classified employees in 31 a bargaining unit established by the director of personnel; or (h) 32 33 other group of employees defined by an agency head that is not designed to provide an individual-employee choice regarding participation in a 34 35 medical expense plan. However, medical expense plans for eligible 36 employees in any of the groups under (a) through (h) of this subsection 37 who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be

implemented only by written agreement with the bargaining unit's exclusive representative and a separate medical expense plan may be provided for unrepresented employees.

(9) Medical expense plans authorized by subsection (7) of this 4 section must require as a condition of participation in the plan that 5 6 employees in the group affected by the plan sign an agreement with the 7 employer. The agreement must include a provision to hold the employer 8 harmless should the United States government find that the employer or 9 the employee is in debt to the United States as a result of the employee not paying income taxes due on the equivalent funds placed 10 11 into the plan, or as a result of the employer not withholding or 12 deducting a tax, assessment, or other payment on the funds as required 13 by federal law. The agreement must also include a provision that requires an eligible employee to forfeit remuneration under subsection 14 15 (3) of this section if the employee belongs to a group that has been designated to participate in the medical expense plan permitted under 16 17 this section and the employee refuses to execute the required 18 agreement.

19 Sec. 13. RCW 43.01.041 and 1985 c 292 s 1 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

21 Officers and employees referred to in RCW 43.01.040 whose 22 employment is terminated by their death, reduction in force, 23 resignation, dismissal, or retirement, and who have accrued vacation leave as specified in RCW 43.01.040 or 43.01.044, shall be paid 24 25 therefor under their contract of employment, or their estate if they 26 are deceased, or if the employee in case of voluntary resignation has provided adequate notice of termination. 27 Annual leave accumulated under RCW 43.01.044 is not to be included in the computation of 28 retirement benefits. From July 1, 2011, through June 29, 2013, the 29 30 amount of pay received by an employee under the provisions of this section shall not be reduced by any temporary salary reduction. 31

32 Should the legislature revoke any benefits or rights provided under 33 chapter 292, Laws of 1985, no affected officer or employee shall be 34 entitled thereafter to receive such benefits or exercise such rights as 35 a matter of contractual right.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 14. The director of the department of personnel
 and the director of the department of retirement systems shall adopt
 rules as necessary to implement the temporary salary reductions.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2011.

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