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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2262** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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By Representatives Kagi, Hinkle, Darneille, Ladenburg, Walsh, Goodman, Carlyle, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Roberts, Ryu, and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to constraints of expenditures for WorkFirst and
2 child care programs; amending RCW 43.88C.010; adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.08A RCW; repealing RCW 74.08A.340; and providing an
4 effective date.

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

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

8 The department of social and health services shall operate the
9 Washington WorkFirst program authorized under RCW 74.08A.210 through
10 74.08A.330, 43.330.145, 43.215.545, and 74.25.040, and chapter 74.12
11 RCW within the following constraints:

12 (1) The program shall be operated within amounts appropriated by
13 the legislature and consistent with policy established by the
14 legislature to achieve self-sufficiency through work and the following
15 additional outcomes:

16 (a) Recipients' economic status is improving through wage
17 progression, job retention, and educational advancement;

18 (b) Recipients' status regarding housing stability, medical and
19 behavioral health, and job readiness is improving;

1 (c) The well-being of children whose caretaker is receiving
2 benefits on their behalf is improving with respect to child welfare and
3 educational achievement.

4 (2)(a) The department shall create a budget structure that allows
5 for more transparent tracking of program spending. The budget
6 structure shall outline spending for the following: Temporary
7 assistance for needy family grants, working connections child care,
8 WorkFirst activities and administration of the program.

9 (b) Each biennium, the department shall establish a biennial
10 spending plan, using the budget structure created in (a) of this
11 subsection, for this program and submit the plan to the legislative
12 fiscal committees and the legislative-executive WorkFirst oversight
13 task force no later than July 1st of every odd-numbered year, beginning
14 on July 1, 2013. The department shall update the legislative fiscal
15 committees and the task force on the spending plan if modifications are
16 made to the plan previously submitted to the legislature and the task
17 force for that biennium.

18 (c) The department also shall provide expenditure reports to the
19 fiscal committees of the legislature and the legislative-executive
20 WorkFirst oversight task force beginning September 1, 2012, and on a
21 quarterly basis thereafter. If the department determines, based upon
22 quarterly expenditure reports, that expenditures will exceed funding at
23 the end of the fiscal year, the department shall take those actions
24 necessary to ensure that services provided under this chapter are
25 available only to the extent of and consistent with appropriations in
26 the operating budget and policy established by the legislature
27 following notification provided in (b) of this subsection.

28 (3) No more than fifteen percent of the temporary assistance for
29 needy families block grant, the federal child care funds, and
30 qualifying state expenditures may be spent for administrative purposes.
31 For purposes of this subsection, "administrative purposes" does not
32 include expenditures for information technology and computerization
33 needed for tracking and monitoring required by P.L. 104-193.

34 (4) The department shall expend funds appropriated for work
35 activities, as defined in RCW 74.08A.250, or for other services
36 provided to WorkFirst recipients, as authorized under RCW 74.08A.290.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.08A.340 (Funding restrictions) and
2 2009 c 564 s 953, 2008 c 329 s 922, 2007 c 522 s 957, 2006 c 265 s 209,
3 & 1997 c 58 s 321 are each repealed.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2011 c 304 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
7 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
8 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the
9 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
10 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among
11 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers
12 as the members deem necessary.

13 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
14 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
15 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

16 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
17 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
18 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
19 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
20 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
21 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
22 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
23 this section.

24 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
25 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
26 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
27 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
28 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
29 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by
30 the council.

31 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
32 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
33 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions
34 specified by the member.

35 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
36 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
37 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council

1 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
2 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
3 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

5 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements
6 and require the services of public assistance programs, state
7 correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional
8 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
9 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and
10 adoption support;

11 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington
12 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an
13 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

14 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary
15 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care
16 programs as a courtesy.

17 (9) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
18 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.
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