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By Representatives Cody, Morrell, and Schmick; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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- AN ACT Relating to electronic timekeeping for in-home personal care or respite services; and amending RCW 74.39A.325.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.325 and 2009 c 571 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
 - (1) Beginning July 1, 2010, the department shall not pay a home care agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW for in-home personal care or respite services provided under this chapter, Title 71A RCW, or chapter 74.39 RCW if the home care agency does not verify agency employee hours by electronic timekeeping.
 - (2) For purposes of this section, "electronic timekeeping" means an electronic, verifiable method of recording an employee's presence in the client's home at the beginning and end of the employee's client visit workday.
- 15 (3) The department is authorized to establish limited exemption 16 criteria in rule to address subsections (1) and (2) of this section 17 when a landline phone is not available to the employee.

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