## HOUSE BILL 2696

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By Representatives Rodne, Goodman, and Nealey; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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- AN ACT Relating to the Washington telephone assistance program; and amending RCW 80.36.470.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.36.470 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 8 s 118 are each 5 amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Adult recipients of department-administered programs for the financially needy which provide continuing financial ((or medical)) assistance, food ((stamps)) assistance, or ((supportive services to persons in their own homes)) home and community-based services through the aging and long-term support administration or developmental disabilities administration are eligible for participation in the telephone assistance program. The department must notify the participants of their eligibility.
- (2) Participants in community service voice mail programs are eligible for participation in services available under RCW 80.36.420 (1), (2), and (3) after completing use of community service voice mail services. Eligibility must be for a period including the remainder of the current service year and the following service year. Community

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agencies must notify the department of participants eligible under this subsection.

(3) Enrollment in the Washington telephone assistance program may not result in expenditures that exceed the total amount of funds made available by the legislature for the Washington telephone assistance program. When the department finds that there is a danger of an overexpenditure of appropriated funds, the department must close the Washington telephone assistance program enrollment until the department finds the danger no longer exists.

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