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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The department must develop options for extending the duration of  
6 distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP)  
7 benefits beyond the current duration of the first ten days of the  
8 month. The department must recommend a preferred option that  
9 minimizes the costs to implement the changes, minimizes the  
10 disruption for existing families receiving SNAP benefits, and  
11 increases the duration of distribution as close to the first twenty  
12 days as feasible. The department must submit a report to the  
13 appropriate committees of the legislature describing the options and  
14 recommendation on or before October 1, 2016. The department may  
15 implement the recommended option at the earliest feasible date if it  
16 can do so within current appropriations. If additional funding is  
17 required to implement the recommended option, the department must  
18 submit a budget request to the office of financial management as part  
19 of the 2017 supplemental budget request or as part of the 2017-2019  
20 biennial budget request."

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21 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "benefits;" strike the  
22 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to  
23 chapter 74.04 RCW."

EFFECT: Eliminates the requirement to extend the distribution of  
SNAP benefits to the first 20 days of the month and instead requires  
the department to recommend an option to extend distribution of SNAP  
benefits that minimizes state costs and disruption for recipients.

The department may implement the recommended option if it can do so within appropriated funds.

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