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By House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Shavers, Ramel, Santos, Leavitt, Gregerson, Bateman, Ormsby, Doglio, Pollet, Reed, Ortiz-Self, Stonier, and Fosse)

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1 AN ACT Relating to food assistance funding; and amending RCW
2 43.23.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.23.290 and 2010 c 68 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director of the department may exercise powers and duties
7 with respect to the administration of food assistance programs in the
8 department. It is the intent of the legislature in administering the
9 food assistance programs transferred to the department by chapter 68,
10 Laws of 2010, that programs continue to be provided through
11 community-based organizations. It is the intent of the legislature
12 that in accepting the administration of food assistance programs, the
13 department's core programs administered by the department by July 1,
14 2010, not be impacted.

15 (2) The director of the department may adopt rules necessary to
16 implement the food assistance programs.

17 (3) The director of the department may enter into contracts and
18 agreements to implement food assistance programs, including contracts
19 and agreements with the United States department of agriculture, to
20 implement federal food assistance programs.

1 (4) The department may not restrict the amount of food assistance
2 program funding provided to food banks that may be used for essential
3 nonfood items, including diapers, feminine products, and hygiene
4 products, to less than 25 percent of total funding.

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