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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting access to information regarding the 2 long-term services and supports trust program; and adding a new 3 section to chapter 50B.04 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 50B.04 6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Beginning April 1, 2025, and by April 1st each (1) year thereafter, the employment security department shall send a program 8 9 summary statement to each employee that has been assessed a premium 10 by the program under RCW 50B.04.080. The program summary statement 11 shall provide the employee with individualized information 12 explaining:

(a) The amount assessed upon the employee by the employment security department that is attributable to the previous calendar year and the number of hours that the employee was recorded as having worked in the previous calendar year;

17 (b) The cumulative amount that has been assessed upon the 18 employee by the employment security department since the program 19 began collecting premiums; 1 (c) The number of years that the employee has been recorded to 2 have worked the minimum number of hours required under RCW 3 50B.04.050(3); and

(d) Program information, including information related to
becoming a qualified individual, information related to becoming an
eligible beneficiary, information about the assessment process,
current assessment and benefit unit levels, information regarding
verifying one's program information and correcting any errors, and
any other relevant program updates.

10 (2) The employment security department shall enter into a datasharing agreement with the department of revenue and any other 11 12 relevant agency and establish a process to obtain the contact information and other information needed to send the program summary 13 statement required by subsection (1) of this section. The employment 14 15 security department must make a good faith effort to send the 16 appropriate summary statement to each employee to the extent that 17 contact information is readily accessible. The employment security department shall maintain information on its website for employees to 18 19 contact the employment security department to obtain the employee's 20 program summary statement.

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