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1 AN ACT Relating to services and supports for individuals with
2 traumatic brain injuries; amending RCW 46.63.110, 74.31.040,
3 74.31.050, and 74.31.060; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that individuals
6 living with traumatic brain injuries face significant barriers to
7 accessing necessary support services, community integration programs,
8 and peer-led recovery opportunities. The legislature acknowledges
9 that traumatic brain injuries can lead to long-term cognitive,
10 emotional, and physical challenges, often resulting in social
11 isolation, difficulty in maintaining employment, and limited access
12 to rehabilitation services. Additionally, family members and
13 caregivers of individuals with a traumatic brain injury require
14 ongoing support and guidance to navigate the complexities of
15 available resources. Recent trends indicate that allocations have
16 disproportionately favored virtual education and state-affiliated
17 programs, leaving direct peer-to-peer groups and community-based
18 support underfunded. The disappearance of many in-person support
19 groups, due to financial constraints, has severely limited
20 opportunities for individuals with a traumatic brain injury to

1 connect, build essential life skills, and engage in meaningful
2 recovery-focused activities.

3 The legislature recognizes the urgent need to rebalance funding
4 priorities to ensure that in-person support groups and community
5 integration programs are adequately supported. To further facilitate
6 community integration and education, the legislature finds that an
7 annual conference should be sponsored by the traumatic brain injury
8 council to bring together survivors, caregivers, professionals, and
9 community members. This conference will serve as a platform for
10 knowledge-sharing, networking, and collaboration on traumatic brain
11 injury research, rehabilitation, and support services.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.63.110 and 2024 c 308 s 3 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1)(a) A person found to have committed a traffic infraction
15 shall be assessed a monetary penalty. No penalty may exceed \$250 for
16 each offense unless authorized by this chapter or title.

17 (b) The court may waive or remit any monetary penalty, fee, cost,
18 assessment, or other monetary obligation associated with a traffic
19 infraction unless the specific monetary obligation in question is
20 prohibited from being waived or remitted by state law.

21 (2) The monetary penalty for a violation of (a) RCW 46.55.105(2)
22 is \$250 for each offense; (b) RCW 46.61.210(1) is \$500 for each
23 offense. No penalty assessed under this subsection (2) may be
24 reduced.

25 (3) The supreme court shall prescribe by rule a schedule of
26 monetary penalties for designated traffic infractions. This rule
27 shall also specify the conditions under which local courts may
28 exercise discretion in assessing fines and penalties for traffic
29 infractions. The legislature respectfully requests the supreme court
30 to adjust this schedule every two years for inflation.

31 (4) There shall be a penalty of \$25 for failure to respond to a
32 notice of traffic infraction except where the infraction relates to
33 parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution
34 or failure to pay a monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this
35 chapter. A local legislative body may set a monetary penalty not to
36 exceed \$25 for failure to respond to a notice of traffic infraction
37 relating to parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation,
38 or resolution. The local court, whether a municipal, police, or

1 district court, shall impose the monetary penalty set by the local
2 legislative body.

3 (5) Monetary penalties provided for in chapter 46.70 RCW which
4 are civil in nature and penalties which may be assessed for
5 violations of chapter 46.44 RCW relating to size, weight, and load of
6 motor vehicles are not subject to the limitation on the amount of
7 monetary penalties which may be imposed pursuant to this chapter.

8 (6) Whenever a monetary penalty, fee, cost, assessment, or other
9 monetary obligation is imposed by a court under this chapter, it is
10 immediately payable and is enforceable as a civil judgment under
11 Title 6 RCW. If the court determines that a person is not able to pay
12 a monetary obligation in full, the court shall enter into a payment
13 plan with the person in accordance with RCW 46.63.190 and standards
14 that may be set out in court rule.

15 (7) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this section
16 and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this section,
17 a person found to have committed a traffic infraction shall be
18 assessed:

19 (a) A fee of \$5 per infraction. Under no circumstances shall this
20 fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be forwarded to
21 the state treasurer for deposit in the emergency medical services and
22 trauma care system trust account under RCW 70.168.040;

23 (b) A fee of \$10 per infraction. Under no circumstances shall
24 this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be
25 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund; and

26 (c) A fee of (~~(\$5)~~) \$10 per infraction. Under no circumstances
27 shall this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be
28 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the traumatic brain
29 injury account established in RCW 74.31.060.

30 (8)(a) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this
31 section and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this
32 section, a person found to have committed a traffic infraction other
33 than of RCW 46.61.527 or 46.61.212 shall be assessed an additional
34 penalty of \$24. The court may not reduce, waive, or suspend the
35 additional penalty unless the court finds the offender to be
36 indigent. If a court authorized community restitution program for
37 offenders is available in the jurisdiction, the court shall allow
38 offenders to offset all or a part of the penalty due under this
39 subsection (8) by participation in the court authorized community
40 restitution program.

1 (b) \$12.50 of the additional penalty under (a) of this subsection
2 shall be remitted to the state treasurer. The remaining revenue from
3 the additional penalty must be remitted under chapters 2.08, 3.46,
4 3.50, 3.62, 10.82, and 35.20 RCW. Money remitted under this
5 subsection to the state treasurer must be deposited as follows: \$8.50
6 in the state general fund and \$4 in the driver licensing technology
7 support account created under RCW 46.68.067. The moneys deposited
8 into the driver licensing technology support account must be used to
9 support information technology systems used by the department to
10 communicate with the judicial information system, manage driving
11 records, and implement court orders. The balance of the revenue
12 received by the county or city treasurer under this subsection must
13 be deposited into the county or city current expense fund. Moneys
14 retained by the city or county under this subsection shall constitute
15 reimbursement for any liabilities under RCW 43.135.060.

16 (9) If a legal proceeding, such as garnishment, has commenced to
17 collect any delinquent amount owed by the person for any penalty
18 imposed by the court under this section, the person may request a
19 payment plan pursuant to RCW 46.63.190.

20 (10) The monetary penalty for violating RCW 46.37.395 is: (a)
21 \$250 for the first violation; (b) \$500 for the second violation; and
22 (c) \$750 for each violation thereafter.

23 (11) The additional monetary penalty for a violation of RCW
24 46.20.500 is not subject to assessments or fees provided under this
25 section.

26 (12) The additional monetary fine for a violation of RCW
27 46.61.110, 46.61.145, 46.61.180, 46.61.185, 46.61.190, and 46.61.205
28 is not subject to assessments or fees provided under this section.

29 (13) The additional monetary penalties for a violation of RCW
30 46.61.165 are not subject to assessments or fees provided under this
31 section.

32 (14) The monetary penalty for a violation of RCW 46.63.200 is not
33 subject to assessments or fees provided under this section.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.31.040 and 2011 c 143 s 4 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) In collaboration with the council, the department shall
37 conduct a public awareness campaign that utilizes funding from the
38 traumatic brain injury account to leverage a private advertising
39 campaign to persuade Washington residents to be aware and concerned

1 about the issues facing individuals with traumatic brain injuries
2 through all forms of media including internet, television, radio, and
3 print. The public awareness campaign shall also include information
4 on the availability and benefits of in-person peer support groups,
5 community integration programs, and other services designed to assist
6 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families.

7 (2) In addition to existing public awareness efforts, the council
8 shall sponsor an annual statewide traumatic brain injury conference.
9 This event must provide opportunities for education, networking, and
10 collaboration among survivors, caregivers, medical professionals, and
11 community organizations to improve knowledge of traumatic brain
12 injury issues and available resources.

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.31.050 and 2011 c 143 s 5 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The department shall provide funding from the traumatic brain
16 injury account established by RCW 74.31.060 to programs that
17 facilitate support groups to individuals with traumatic brain
18 injuries and their families.

19 (2) The department shall use a request for proposal process to
20 select the programs to receive funding. The council shall provide
21 recommendations to the department on the criteria to be used in
22 selecting the programs.

23 (3) At least 30 percent of the annual expenditures from the
24 traumatic brain injury account must be allocated to in-person support
25 groups and community integration activities. The department shall
26 ensure that funds dedicated to in-person support groups, the
27 expansion of structured programs that facilitate direct peer-to-peer
28 connection for individuals and family members impacted by traumatic
29 brain injuries, and community integration programs prioritize peer
30 engagement and are not disproportionately allocated to virtual-only
31 support structures or other department-affiliated programs that do
32 not. The council shall review and approve annual funding proposals
33 for in-person support and community integration programs to ensure
34 transparency and adherence to legislative intent. The department
35 shall make every effort to disburse the incremental revenue that is
36 the result of the fee under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) or federal funds
37 under RCW 74.31.060(2) in a diverse manner to include rural areas of
38 the state.

1 (4) The department shall allocate a portion of funding from the
2 traumatic brain injury account to support the planning and execution
3 of an annual traumatic brain injury conference. The council shall
4 provide recommendations on the content, structures, and speakers to
5 ensure a comprehensive approach that includes survivor experiences,
6 professional training, and policy discussions.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.31.060 and 2019 c 181 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The traumatic brain injury account is created in the state
10 treasury. The fee imposed under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) must be deposited
11 into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
12 appropriation, and may be used only to support the activities in the
13 statewide traumatic brain injury comprehensive plan, to provide a
14 public awareness campaign and services relating to traumatic brain
15 injury under RCW 74.31.040 and 74.31.050, for information and
16 referral services, and for costs of required department staff who are
17 providing support for the council under RCW 74.31.020 and 74.31.030.
18 Additionally, at least 30 percent of the annual expenditures from the
19 account must be for in-person support groups and community
20 integration activities that promote social connections between
21 individuals impacted by traumatic brain injury. The secretary of the
22 department of social and health services (~~has the authority to~~)
23 shall administer the funds in alignment with the priorities outlined
24 in this section and ensure compliance with all allocation
25 requirements. The department must make every effort to disburse the
26 incremental revenue that is the result of the fee increased under RCW
27 46.63.110(7)(c) in a diverse manner to include rural areas of the
28 state.

29 (2) The department shall proactively seek, apply for, and secure
30 federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to grants
31 available through the administration for community living and other
32 federal programs. These efforts shall be conducted in coordination
33 with the council and in alignment with the council's mission and
34 priorities. Federal funds obtained pursuant to this subsection shall
35 supplement the fee amounts collected pursuant to RCW 46.63.110(7)(c)
36 and shall be deposited into the traumatic brain injury account. The
37 department shall ensure that any federal funds received enhance,
38 rather than supplant, existing state funding dedicated to in-person

1 support groups, community integration activities, and peer-to-peer
2 recovery initiatives.

3 (3) A minimum of 30 percent of the annual fee revenue collected
4 under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) shall be used exclusively for:

5 (a) Establishing and maintaining peer led and community-based in-
6 person support groups for individuals with a traumatic brain injury
7 and their families;

8 (b) Developing structured skills-building programs designed to
9 promote social integration and functional recovery for individuals of
10 all ages, including pediatric-focused initiatives;

11 (c) Supporting initiatives that provide direct peer-to-peer
12 mentoring and navigation assistance for newly injured individuals and
13 their families, including hospital-to-community transition support;
14 and

15 (d) Ensuring equitable access to support groups and community-
16 based programs across urban and rural regions.

17 (4) A portion of the traumatic brain injury account shall be
18 dedicated to organizing an annual conference focused on connecting
19 individuals impacted by traumatic brain injuries, enhancing
20 professional education, and promoting peer-to-peer support
21 initiatives. However, funds for the conference shall not be drawn
22 from the 30 percent allocation specified in subsection (3) of this
23 section.

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