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By Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators C. Wilson, Frame, Hasegawa, Nobles, Saldaña, Trudeau, and Wellman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transportation of individuals released or
2 discharged from the custody of the department of corrections; and
3 amending RCW 72.02.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.02.100 and 2024 c 32 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a
8 state correctional facility (~~((for convicted felons))~~), pursuant to
9 court commitment, who is thereafter released upon an order of parole
10 of the indeterminate sentence review board, or who is discharged from
11 custody upon expiration of sentence, or who is ordered discharged
12 from custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, shall be
13 entitled to retain his or her earnings from labor or employment while
14 in confinement and shall be supplied by the superintendent of the
15 state correctional facility with suitable and presentable clothing,
16 the sum of no less than \$40 for subsistence, and transportation by
17 the (~~((least expensive))~~) method of public transportation (~~((not to
18 exceed the cost of \$100))~~) to (~~((his or her))~~) the person's place of
19 residence or the place designated in (~~((his or her))~~) the person's
20 (~~((parole))~~) reentry plan, or to the place from which committed if such
21 person is being discharged on expiration of sentence, or discharged

1 from custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction: PROVIDED, That
2 up to an additional \$60 may be made available to the parolee for
3 necessary personal and living expenses upon application to and
4 approval by such person's community corrections officer. Public
5 transportation provided by the department of corrections for a person
6 unconditionally released or discharged by the department shall be
7 limited to a location within the state, unless the person is subject
8 to the interstate compact for adult offender supervision under RCW
9 9.94A.745, subject to an out-of-state warrant or detainer under
10 chapter 9.100 RCW, subject to a demand for extradition under chapter
11 10.88 RCW, or subject to any other agreement between the state and
12 another state or the state and the federal government. If in the
13 opinion of the superintendent suitable arrangements have been made to
14 provide the person to be released with suitable clothing and/or the
15 expenses of transportation, the superintendent may consent to such
16 arrangement. The superintendent reserves the right to review and make
17 a determination whether to approve or deny any transportation
18 expenses intended for one individual to ensure appropriate use of
19 state funds and that the request is reasonable. If the superintendent
20 has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be released has
21 ample funds, with the exception of earnings from labor or employment
22 while in confinement, to assume the expenses of clothing,
23 transportation, or the expenses for which payments made pursuant to
24 this section or RCW 72.02.110 or any one or more of such expenses,
25 the person released shall be required to assume such expenses. If the
26 department of corrections has made arrangements with a partnering
27 nonprofit organization that will support the individual's reentry
28 into the community, the department shall make a reasonable effort to
29 coordinate the timing of the individual's release from the
30 department's custody, including the timing of transportation to the
31 person's place of residence or place from which discharged from
32 custody.

33 (2) (a) The same requirements of subsection (1) of this section
34 shall apply to any person who is serving a sentence for a term of
35 confinement in a state correctional facility and is:

36 (i) Transferred to community custody under the supervision of the
37 department of corrections pursuant to RCW 9.94A.501, or in lieu of
38 earned release time under RCW 9.94A.729;

39 (ii) Transferred from a department correctional facility to
40 partial confinement as home detention in the community as part of the

1 graduated reentry program under RCW 9.94A.733 or the parenting
2 program under RCW 9.94A.6551;

3 (iii) Transferred from a department correctional facility to
4 partial confinement in lieu of earned early release under RCW
5 9.94A.729, or as part of the work release program under chapter 72.65
6 RCW; or

7 (iv) Conditionally released by the indeterminate sentence review
8 board with conditions of community custody under the supervision of
9 the department pursuant to RCW 9.95.011, 9.95.420, 9.94A.730, or
10 10.95.030.

11 (b) The items and arrangements to be supplied by the
12 superintendent of the state correctional facility under this
13 subsection must be provided at the moment of the person's transfer
14 from total confinement to partial confinement, or transfer from total
15 confinement to community custody.

16 (3) (a) The department of corrections may only provide the funds
17 for subsistence required by subsection (1) or (2) of this section one
18 time to any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a
19 state correctional facility.

20 (b) Any funds for subsistence provided to a person under this
21 section shall not be subject to any deductions required under RCW
22 72.09.480 or chapter 72.11 RCW.

23 (4) (a) The department of corrections may provide temporary
24 housing assistance for a person being released from any state
25 correctional facility through the use of rental vouchers, for a
26 period not to exceed six months, if the department finds that such
27 assistance will support the person's release into the community by
28 preventing housing instability or homelessness. The department's
29 authority to provide vouchers under this section is independent of
30 its authority under RCW 9.94A.729; however, a person may not receive
31 a combined total of rental vouchers in excess of six months for each
32 release from a state correctional facility.

33 (b) The department shall establish policies for prioritizing
34 funds available for housing vouchers under this section for persons
35 at risk of releasing homeless or becoming homeless without assistance
36 while taking into account risk to reoffend.

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