
HOUSE BILL 2917

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1 AN ACT Relating to the federal earned income tax credit; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.41 RCW; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the federal
6 earned income tax credit, and advance payment of such credit, provides
7 an important opportunity for working poor and near-poor residents of
8 Washington state to increase their ability to achieve and maintain
9 economic self-sufficiency by receiving a credit against federal income
10 taxes owed or a refund. The legislature further finds that congress
11 has recently acted to increase the availability and amount of the
12 earned income tax credit. It is the intent of the legislature to
13 maximize the number of working poor and near-poor residents of the
14 state of Washington who take advantage of the opportunity to receive a
15 federal earned income tax credit and advance payment of such credit.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) The office of financial management shall coordinate an
2 interagency effort to maximize the number of low-income employed
3 residents of the state of Washington who take advantage of the
4 opportunity to receive a federal earned income tax credit and advance
5 payment of such credit.

6 (2) In undertaking the interagency effort described in subsection
7 (1) of this section, the office of financial management shall:

8 (a) Involve state agencies that regularly interact with low-income
9 employed residents of the state of Washington, including but not
10 limited to: The department of social and health services; the health
11 care authority, through its basic health plan, caregiver's health plan,
12 and state employee health benefits programs; the employment security
13 department; the department of labor and industries; and the department
14 of health.

15 (b) Engage in a public education and outreach effort to increase
16 awareness of the federal earned income tax credit and advance payment
17 of the earned income tax credit by low-income employed residents
18 through: Inclusion of information explaining the earned income tax
19 credit in routine correspondence with low-income employed residents;
20 placement of information explaining the earned income tax credit in
21 local agency offices; partnerships with community-based organizations
22 and local governments to distribute information explaining the earned
23 income tax credit; and any other means deemed appropriate.

24 (c) Engage in an effort to educate employers in Washington state
25 regarding federal law related to advance payment of the earned income
26 tax credit.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of dollars, or as much
28 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
29 June 30, 1995, from the general fund--state to the office of financial
30 management for the purposes of implementing this act.

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