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5 Beginning on page 8, line 21 of the amendment, strike all of  
6 section 202 and insert the following:

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. IMMIGRANTS--ELIGIBILITY--GENERALLY. (1)  
8 The state shall exercise its option under P.L. 104-193, as amended, to  
9 provide benefits and services to legal immigrants under temporary  
10 assistance for needy families, medicaid, and social services block  
11 grant programs.

12 (2) The department may provide state-funded cash, food, and medical  
13 assistance to legal immigrants who are not eligible for federal  
14 benefits due to their immigrant status and the provisions of P.L. 104-  
15 193.

16 (3) Legal immigrants who are not eligible for the supplemental  
17 security income program as a result of P.L. 104-193 are eligible to  
18 apply for benefits under the state's general assistance programs. The  
19 department shall redetermine income and resource eligibility at least  
20 annually, in accordance with existing state policy.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 203. IMMIGRANTS--STATE CASH AND MEDICAL  
22 PROGRAMS. (1) The department may provide state-funded cash and medical  
23 assistance to legal immigrants including those permanently residing in  
24 the United States under color of law who are not eligible under federal  
25 law for the temporary assistance for needy families program solely due  
26 to their date of entry or their immigration status.

27 (2) Such assistance shall be provided under the same rules and in  
28 the same amount as under the temporary assistance for needy families  
29 program. Any month in which a family receives such assistance should  
30 be considered a month in which the family received temporary assistance  
31 for needy families for the purpose of the sixty-month time limit.

32 (3) The department may use state general assistance and state  
33 medical care services funds as may be appropriated to provide such  
34 benefits.

1 (4) The department may provide state-funded medical care services,  
2 including long-term care, to legal immigrants including those  
3 permanently residing in the United States under color of law who are  
4 not eligible under federal law for the federal medicaid program solely  
5 due to their date of entry or their immigration status.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204.** IMMIGRANTS--FOOD ASSISTANCE. (1) The  
7 department may establish a state-funded food assistance program for  
8 legal immigrants who do not qualify for federal food stamps solely due  
9 to the immigrant exclusions under P.L. 104-193. The rules and benefit  
10 amounts for the state food assistance program shall be the same as in  
11 the federal food stamp program.

12 (2) The department shall enter into a contract with the United  
13 States department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp  
14 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food  
15 assistance program."

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
17 internal references accordingly.

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21 Beginning on page 9, line 23 of the amendment, after  
22 "naturalization." strike all material through "apply." on page 10, line  
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27 Beginning on page 10, line 3 of the amendment, strike all of  
28 section 205 and insert the following:

29 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** SPONSOR-DEEMING FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.  
30 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in  
31 determining the eligibility and amount of benefits for state-funded  
32 general assistance or state-funded food stamps, the department may

1 provide that the income and resources of an alien shall be deemed to  
2 include the income and resources of any individual, and his or her  
3 spouse, who executes an affidavit of support under section 213A of the  
4 federal immigration and nationality act on behalf of the alien for a  
5 period of five years following the execution of that affidavit of  
6 support.

7 (2) The sponsor-deeming provisions of subsection (1) of this  
8 section do not apply to the following:

9 (a) An alien who has worked forty qualifying quarters of coverage  
10 as defined under Title II of the social security act or can be credited  
11 with such qualifying quarters as provided under P.L. 104-193 Sec. 435;

12 (b) An alien who is lawfully residing in any state and is a veteran  
13 of, or on active duty in, the armed forces of the United States, or the  
14 spouse or unmarried dependent child of such individual;

15 (c) An alien who served in the armed forces of an allied country,  
16 or was employed by an agency of the federal government, during a  
17 military conflict between the United States and a military adversary;

18 (d) Aliens who are victims of domestic violence and who petition  
19 for legal status under the federal violence against women act;

20 (e) For a period not to exceed twelve months, an alien for whom a  
21 determination has been made by the department that, in the absence of  
22 the assistance provided by the department, the alien would be unable to  
23 obtain food and shelter, taking into account the alien's own income  
24 plus any cash, food, housing, or other assistance provided by other  
25 individuals including the sponsor; and

26 (f) An alien who achieves United States citizenship through  
27 naturalization pursuant to chapter 2 of Title III of the immigration  
28 and nationality act."

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32 Beginning on page 11, line 26 of the amendment, strike all of  
33 section 206

34 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
35 internal references accordingly.

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4 On page 214, beginning on line 30 of the title amendment, after  
5 "74.12 RCW;" strike "adding new sections to chapter 74.04 RCW;"

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9 On page 215, line 23 of the title amendment, after "26.18 RCW;"  
10 insert "adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW;"

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EFFECT: Treats immigrants like other residents of the state.  
Includes time-limited sponsor-deeming for newly arrived.