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HOUSE BILL 1293

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to limiting public assistance payments; and
- 2 amending RCW 74.12.030.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.12.030 and 1971 ex.s. c 169 s 6 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- (1) In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements of RCW 74.08.025, as now or hereafter amended, an applicant for aid to 8 families with dependent children must be a needy child who is a
- 9 resident of the state of Washington.
- 10 (2) For any person otherwise qualified to receive public assistance
- 11 under this chapter who has resided in the state of Washington for less
- 12 than twelve continuous months immediately preceding receipt of any
- 13 public assistance under this title, any monthly benefit level shall not
- 14 exceed the maximum aid payment that would have been received from the
- 15 recipient's state of prior residence, unless that amount exceeds the
- 16 payment level available to the recipient in Washington state. If the
- 17 payment from a recipient's prior state of residence exceeds the amount
- 18 that would otherwise be available in Washington state, the recipient
- 19 shall receive an amount equal to the Washington state benefit level.

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- The department shall conduct a periodic survey of the other states
 to determine their public assistance levels for programs similar to
 those in the state of Washington and shall by rule adopt a scale of
- 4 public assistance limits based on state of origin.

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