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By Representatives Cooke, Tokuda, Talcott, H. Sommers, Boldt, Wolfe, Dickerson, Gardner, Mason, Kenney and Chopp

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1 AN ACT Relating to clothing, personal maintenance, and incidental  
2 allowances within the department of social and health services; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 To the extent allowed by federal law, the department:

8 (1) Shall establish a uniform monthly allowance for clothing,  
9 personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals for all individuals  
10 residing in state-funded residential facility beds. The allowance  
11 shall be set no lower than the highest allowance currently authorized  
12 on the effective date of this act. The department shall not remove any  
13 individual from any program based on a change in his or her income or  
14 resources attributable to the modification of the uniform monthly  
15 allowance mandated under this section;

16 (2) Shall increase the uniform monthly allowance set under this  
17 section by the same rate as authorized for any vendor rate increase for  
18 state-funded residential facilities;

1       (3) May adjust an individual's uniform monthly allowance, by  
2 agreement with the individual, if the allowance would effect his or her  
3 eligibility to receive services under medicaid personal care, the  
4 community options program entry system, or any other program providing  
5 state-funded residential facilities.

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 1998.

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