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5 On page 3, after line 28, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 4. RCW 74.08A.120 and 1997 c 57 s 3 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The department may establish a food assistance program for
9 (~~persons whose immigrant status meets the eligibility requirements of~~
10 ~~the federal food stamp program, but who are no longer eligible solely~~
11 ~~due to their immigrant status under P.L. 104-193~~) legal immigrants who
12 are ineligible for the federal food stamp program.

13 (2) The rules for the state food assistance program shall follow
14 exactly the rules of the federal food stamp program except for the
15 provisions pertaining to immigrant status (~~under P.L. 104-193~~).

16 (3) The benefit under the state food assistance program shall be
17 established by the legislature in the biennial operating budget.

18 (4) The department may enter into a contract with the United States
19 department of agriculture to use the existing federal food stamp
20 program coupon system for the purposes of administering the state food
21 assistance program.

22 (5) In the event the department is unable to enter into a contract
23 with the United States department of agriculture, the department may
24 issue vouchers to eligible households for the purchase of eligible
25 foods at participating retailers."

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29 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "74.12.010" strike "and
30 74.12.035" and insert ", 74.12.035, and 74.08A.120"

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