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By Representatives Ogden, Carlson, Tokuda, Dickerson, DeBolt, Schual-Berke, Radcliff, Eickmeyer, Edwards, Kagi and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to circumstances when payment of public assistance
2 benefits need not be paid through electronic funds transfer; and
3 amending RCW 74.08A.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.020 and 1997 c 58 s 104 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 By October 2002, the department shall develop and implement an
8 electronic benefit transfer system to be used for the delivery of
9 public assistance benefits, including without limitation, food
10 assistance.

11 The department shall comply with P.L. 104-193, and shall cooperate
12 with relevant federal agencies in the design and implementation of the
13 electronic benefit transfer system.

14 Payment by electronic funds transfer is not required where an
15 individual determines, in his or her sole discretion, that payment by
16 electronic funds transfer would impose a hardship due to a physical or

- 1 mental disability or a geographic, language, or literacy barrier, or
- 2 would impose a financial hardship.

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