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- 5 On page 2, after line 33, insert the following:
- 6 "Sec. 2. RCW 2.36.100 and 1992 c 93 s 5 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) Except for a person who is not qualified for jury service under RCW 2.36.070, no person may be excused from jury service by the court 9 except upon a showing of undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, public
- 11 necessity, or any reason deemed sufficient by the court for a period of
- 12 time the court deems necessary. <u>Unless the public need for juries in</u>
- 13 the court outweighs the individual circumstances of the person
- summoned, a judge of the court or clerk of the court will excuse a 14
- 15 person from acting as a juror upon the request of that person if the
- person is the sole caregiver for a child or other dependent during the 16
- 17 court's normal hours of operation, the person is unable to afford day
- care or make other arrangements for the care of the dependent, and the 18
- 19 person personally attends to the dependent during the court's normal
- 20 hours of operation.
- 21 (2) At the discretion of the court's designee, after a request by 22 a prospective juror to be excused, a prospective juror excused from 23 juror service for a particular time may be assigned to another jury 24 term within the twelve-month period. If the assignment to another jury 25 term is made at the time a juror is excused from the jury term for which he or she was summoned, a second summons under RCW 2.36.095 need 26 27 not be issued.
- 28 (3) When the jury source list has been fully summoned within a consecutive twelve-month period and additional jurors are needed, 29 30 jurors who have already served during the consecutive twelve-month period may be summoned again for service. A juror who has previously 31 served may only be excused if he or she served at least two weeks of 32 juror service within the preceding twelve months. An excuse for prior 33 34 service shall be granted only upon the written request of the 35 prospective juror, which request shall certify the terms of prior 36 service. Prior jury service may include service in superior court, in

- 1 a court of limited jurisdiction, in the United States District Court,
- 2 or on a jury of inquest."
- 3 Correct the title.

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