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By Representatives Tokuda, Kagi, Kenney, Edmonds, Santos, Darneille, McIntire and Edwards

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1 AN ACT Relating to time limits for temporary assistance for  
2 needy families; and amending RCW 74.08A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.08A.010 and 1997 c 58 s 103 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received temporary  
7 assistance for needy families for sixty months after July 27,  
8 1997, shall be ineligible for further temporary assistance for  
9 needy families assistance.

10 (2) For the purposes of applying the rules of this section, the  
11 department shall count any month in which an adult family member  
12 received a temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance  
13 grant unless the assistance was provided when the family member  
14 was a minor child and not the head of the household or married to  
15 the head of the household.

16 (3) The department shall refer recipients who require  
17 specialized assistance to appropriate department programs, crime

1 victims' programs through the department of community, trade, and  
2 economic development, or the crime victims' compensation program  
3 of the department of labor and industries.

4 (4) The department may exempt a recipient and the recipient's  
5 family from the application of subsection (1) of this section by  
6 reason of hardship or if the recipient meets the family violence  
7 options of section 402(A)(7) of Title IVA of the federal social  
8 security act as amended by P.L. 104-193.

9 (5) The department may exempt a recipient from the application  
10 of subsection (1) of this section if the recipient is a minor  
11 child in a family that includes an adult who has received  
12 temporary assistance for needy families for sixty months after  
13 July 27, 1997. The safety net services program is created for  
14 recipients exempted under this provision from the application of  
15 subsection (1) of this section.

16 (6) The number of recipients and their families exempted from  
17 subsection (1) of this section for a fiscal year shall not exceed  
18 twenty percent of the average monthly number of recipients and  
19 their families to which assistance is provided under the temporary  
20 assistance for needy families program.

21 ~~((5))~~ (7) The department shall not exempt a recipient and his  
22 or her family from the application of subsection (1) of this  
23 section until after the recipient has received fifty-two months of  
24 assistance under this chapter.

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