

HB 1561 - H AMD 189

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1 On page 8, after line 34, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. RCW 13.40.030 and 1996 c 232 s 5 are each amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (1) The secretary shall submit guidelines pertaining to the nature
5 of the security to be imposed on youth placed in his or her custody
6 based on the age, offense(s), and criminal history of the juvenile
7 offender. Such guidelines shall be submitted to the legislature for
8 its review no later than November 1st of each year. ~~((At the same time
9 the secretary shall submit a report on security at juvenile facilities
10 during the preceding year. The report shall include the number of
11 escapes from each juvenile facility, the most serious offense for which
12 each escapee had been confined, the number and nature of offenses found
13 to have been committed by juveniles while on escape status, the number
14 of authorized leaves granted, the number of failures to comply with
15 leave requirements, the number and nature of offenses committed while
16 on leave, and the number and nature of offenses committed by juveniles
17 while in the community on minimum security status; to the extent this
18 information is available to the secretary.))~~ The department shall
19 include security status definitions in the security guidelines it
20 submits to the legislature pursuant to this section.

21 (2) The permissible ranges of confinement resulting from a finding
22 of manifest injustice under RCW 13.40.0357 are subject to the following
23 limitations:

24 (a) Where the maximum term in the range is ninety days or less, the
25 minimum term in the range may be no less than fifty percent of the
26 maximum term in the range;

27 (b) Where the maximum term in the range is greater than ninety days
28 but not greater than one year, the minimum term in the range may be no
29 less than seventy-five percent of the maximum term in the range; and

1 (c) Where the maximum term in the range is more than one year, the
2 minimum term in the range may be no less than eighty percent of the
3 maximum term in the range.

4 **Sec. 6.** RCW 70.96A.420 and 2001 c 242 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department, in consultation with opiate substitution
7 treatment service providers and counties and cities, shall establish
8 statewide treatment standards for certified opiate substitution
9 treatment programs. The department shall enforce these treatment
10 standards. The treatment standards shall include, but not be limited
11 to, reasonable provisions for all appropriate and necessary medical
12 procedures, counseling requirements, urinalysis, and other suitable
13 tests as needed to ensure compliance with this chapter.

14 (2) The department, in consultation with opiate substitution
15 treatment programs and counties, shall establish statewide operating
16 standards for certified opiate substitution treatment programs. The
17 department shall enforce these operating standards. The operating
18 standards shall include, but not be limited to, reasonable provisions
19 necessary to enable the department and counties to monitor certified
20 and licensed opiate substitution treatment programs for compliance with
21 this chapter and the treatment standards authorized by this chapter and
22 to minimize the impact of the opiate substitution treatment programs
23 upon the business and residential neighborhoods in which the program is
24 located.

25 (3) The department shall establish criteria for evaluating the
26 compliance of opiate substitution treatment programs with the goals and
27 standards established under this chapter. As a condition of
28 certification, opiate substitution programs shall submit an annual
29 report to the department and county legislative authority, including
30 data as specified by the department necessary for outcome analysis.
31 The department shall analyze and evaluate the data submitted by each
32 treatment program and take corrective action where necessary to ensure
33 compliance with the goals and standards enumerated under this chapter.

34 ~~((4) Before January 1st of each year, the secretary shall submit~~
35 ~~a report to the legislature and governor. The report shall include the~~
36 ~~number of persons enrolled in each treatment program during the period~~
37 ~~covered by the report, the number of persons who leave each treatment~~

1 ~~program voluntarily and involuntarily, and an outcome analysis of each~~
2 ~~treatment program. For purposes of this subsection, "outcome analysis"~~
3 ~~shall include but not be limited to: The number of people who, as a~~
4 ~~result of participation in the program, are able to abstain from~~
5 ~~opiates; reduction in use of opiates; reduction in criminal conduct;~~
6 ~~achievement of economic independence; and reduction in utilization of~~
7 ~~health care. The report shall include information on an annual and~~
8 ~~cumulative basis beginning on July 22, 2001.)~~)

9 **Sec. 7.** RCW 70.96A.520 and 1997 c 338 s 28 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The department shall prioritize expenditures for treatment provided
12 under RCW 13.40.165. The department shall provide funds for inpatient
13 and outpatient treatment providers that are the most successful, using
14 the standards developed by the University of Washington under section
15 27, chapter 338, Laws of 1997. The department may consider variations
16 between the nature of the programs provided and clients served but must
17 provide funds first for those programs that demonstrate the greatest
18 success in treatment within categories of treatment and the nature of
19 the persons receiving treatment.

20 ~~((The department shall, not later than January 1st of each year,~~
21 ~~provide a report to the governor and the legislature on the success~~
22 ~~rates of programs funded under this section.))~~

23 **Sec. 8.** RCW 74.13.017 and 2001 c 265 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The department shall undertake the process of accreditation with
26 the goal of completion by July 2006. ~~((The department, in conjunction~~
27 ~~with a national independent accreditation entity, shall report to the~~
28 ~~appropriate legislative committees its progress towards complete~~
29 ~~accreditation on an annual basis, starting December 2001.))~~

30 **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.14A.050 and 2001 c 255 s 1 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The secretary shall:

33 (1)(a) Consult with relevant qualified professionals to develop a
34 set of minimum guidelines to be used for identifying all children who

1 are in a state-assisted support system, whether at-home or out-of-home,
2 who are likely to need long-term care or assistance, because they face
3 physical, emotional, medical, mental, or other long-term challenges;

4 (b) The guidelines must, at a minimum, consider the following
5 criteria for identifying children in need of long-term care or
6 assistance:

7 (i) Placement within the foster care system for two years or more;

8 (ii) Multiple foster care placements;

9 (iii) Repeated unsuccessful efforts to be placed with a permanent
10 adoptive family;

11 (iv) Chronic behavioral or educational problems;

12 (v) Repetitive criminal acts or offenses;

13 (vi) Failure to comply with court-ordered disciplinary actions and
14 other imposed guidelines of behavior, including drug and alcohol
15 rehabilitation; and

16 (vii) Chronic physical, emotional, medical, mental, or other
17 similar conditions necessitating long-term care or assistance;

18 (2) Develop programs that are necessary for the long-term care of
19 children and youth that are identified for the purposes of this
20 section. Programs must: (a) Effectively address the educational,
21 physical, emotional, mental, and medical needs of children and youth;
22 and (b) incorporate an array of family support options, to individual
23 needs and choices of the child and family. The programs must be ready
24 for implementation by January 1, 1995;

25 (3) Conduct an evaluation of all children currently within the
26 foster care agency caseload to identify those children who meet the
27 criteria set forth in this section. All children entering the foster
28 care system must be evaluated for identification of long-term needs
29 within thirty days of placement;

30 (4) As a result of the passage of chapter 232, Laws of 2000, the
31 department is conducting a pilot project to do a comparative analysis
32 of a variety of assessment instruments to determine the most effective
33 tools and methods for evaluation of children. The pilot project may
34 extend through August 31, 2001. The department shall report to the
35 appropriate committees in the senate and house of representatives by
36 September 30, 2001, on the results of the pilot project. The
37 department shall select an assessment instrument that can be
38 implemented within available resources. The department shall complete

1 statewide implementation by December 31, 2001. The department shall
2 report to the appropriate committees in the senate and house of
3 representatives on how the use of the selected assessment instrument
4 has affected department policies, by no later than December 31, 2002,
5 December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2006;

6 (5) Use the assessment tool developed pursuant to subsection (4) of
7 this section in making out-of-home placement decisions for children;

8 ~~(6) ((By region, report to the legislature on the following using
9 aggregate data every six months beginning December 31, 2000:~~

10 ~~(a) The number of children evaluated during the first thirty days
11 of placement as required in subsection (3) of this section;~~

12 ~~(b) The tool or tools used to evaluate children, including the
13 content of the tool and the method by which the tool was validated;~~

14 ~~(c) The findings from the evaluation regarding the children's
15 needs;~~

16 ~~(d) How the department used the results of the evaluation to
17 provide services to the foster child to meet his or her needs; and~~

18 ~~(e) Whether and how the evaluation results assisted the department
19 in providing appropriate services to the child, matching the child with
20 an appropriate care provider early on in the child's placement and
21 achieving the child's permanency plan in a timely fashion;~~

22 ~~(7))~~ Each region of the department shall make the appropriate
23 number of referrals to the foster care assessment program to ensure
24 that the services offered by the program are used to the extent funded
25 pursuant to the department's contract with the program. The department
26 shall report to the legislature by November 30, 2000, on the number of
27 referrals, by region, to the foster care assessment program. If the
28 regions are not referring an adequate number of cases to the program,
29 the department shall include in its report an explanation of what
30 action it is or has taken to ensure that the referrals are adequate;

31 ~~((8))~~ (7) The department shall report to the legislature by
32 December 15, 2000, on how it will use the foster care assessment
33 program model to assess children as they enter out-of-home care;

34 ~~((9))~~ (8) The department is to accomplish the tasks listed in
35 subsections (4) through ~~((8))~~ (7) of this section within existing
36 resources;

37 ~~((10))~~ (9) Study and develop a comprehensive plan for the
38 evaluation and identification of all children and youth in need of

1 long-term care or assistance, including, but not limited to, the
2 mentally ill, developmentally disabled, medically fragile, seriously
3 emotionally or behaviorally disabled, and physically impaired;

4 ~~((+11))~~ (10) Study and develop a plan for the children and youth
5 in need of long-term care or assistance to ensure the coordination of
6 services between the department's divisions and between other state
7 agencies who are involved with the child or youth;

8 ~~((+12))~~ (11) Study and develop guidelines for transitional
9 services, between long-term care programs, based on the person's age or
10 mental, physical, emotional, or medical condition; and

11 ~~((+13))~~ (12) Study and develop a statutory proposal for the
12 emancipation of minors.

13 **Sec. 10.** 2001 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 202 (uncodified) is amended to read
14 as follows:

15 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--CHILDREN AND FAMILY**
16 **SERVICES PROGRAM**

17	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2002)	\$225,789,000
18	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2003)	\$239,013,000
19	General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$372,408,000
20	General Fund--Private/Local Appropriation	\$400,000
21	Public Safety and Education Account--	
22	State Appropriation	\$987,000
23	Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account--	
24	State Appropriation	\$5,702,000
25	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$844,299,000

26 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
27 conditions and limitations:

28 (1) \$2,237,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
29 appropriation, \$2,288,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--state
30 appropriation, and \$1,590,000 of the general fund--federal
31 appropriation are provided solely for the category of services titled
32 "intensive family preservation services."

33 (2) \$685,000 of the general fund--state fiscal year 2002
34 appropriation and \$701,000 of the general fund--state fiscal year 2003
35 appropriation are provided to contract for the operation of one
36 pediatric interim care facility. The facility shall provide
37 residential care for up to thirteen children through two years of age.

1 Seventy-five percent of the children served by the facility must be in
2 need of special care as a result of substance abuse by their mothers.
3 The facility shall also provide on-site training to biological,
4 adoptive, or foster parents. The facility shall provide at least three
5 months of consultation and support to parents accepting placement of
6 children from the facility. The facility may recruit new and current
7 foster and adoptive parents for infants served by the facility. The
8 department shall not require case management as a condition of the
9 contract.

10 (3) \$524,000 of the general fund--state fiscal year 2002
11 appropriation and \$536,000 of the general fund--state fiscal year 2003
12 appropriation are provided for up to three nonfacility-based programs
13 for the training, consultation, support, and recruitment of biological,
14 foster, and adoptive parents of children through age three in need of
15 special care as a result of substance abuse by their mothers, except
16 that each program may serve up to three medically fragile nonsubstance-
17 abuse-affected children. In selecting nonfacility-based programs,
18 preference shall be given to programs whose federal or private funding
19 sources have expired or that have successfully performed under the
20 existing pediatric interim care program.

21 (4) \$1,260,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
22 appropriation, \$1,248,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--state
23 appropriation, and \$4,196,000 of the violence reduction and drug
24 enforcement account appropriation are provided solely for the family
25 policy council and community public health and safety networks. The
26 funding level for the family policy council and community public health
27 and safety networks represents a 25 percent reduction below the funding
28 level for the 1999-2001 biennium. Funding levels shall be reduced 25
29 percent for both the family policy council and network grants.
30 Reductions to network grants shall be allocated so as to maintain
31 current funding levels, to the greatest extent possible, for projects
32 with the strongest evidence of positive outcomes and for networks with
33 substantial compliance with contracts for network grants.

34 (5) \$2,215,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
35 appropriation, \$4,394,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--state
36 appropriation, and \$5,604,000 of the general fund--federal
37 appropriation are provided solely for reducing the average caseload
38 level per case-carrying social worker. Average caseload reductions are

1 intended to increase the amount of time social workers spend in direct
2 contact with the children, families, and foster parents involved with
3 their open cases. The department shall use some of the funds provided
4 in several local offices to increase staff that support case-carrying
5 social workers in ways that will allow social workers to increase
6 direct contact time with children, families, and foster parents. To
7 achieve the goal of reaching an average caseload ratio of 1:24 by the
8 end of fiscal year 2003, the department shall develop a plan for
9 redeploying 30 FTEs to case-carrying social worker and support
10 positions from other areas in the children and family services budget.
11 The FTE redeployment plan shall be submitted to the fiscal committees
12 of the legislature by December 1, 2001.

13 (6) \$1,000,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
14 appropriation and \$1,000,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--
15 state appropriation are provided solely for increasing foster parent
16 respite care services that improve the retention of foster parents and
17 increase the stability of foster placements. (~~The department shall
18 report quarterly to the appropriate committees of the legislature
19 progress against appropriate baseline measures for foster parent
20 retention and stability of foster placements.~~)

21 (7) \$1,050,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation is
22 provided solely for increasing kinship care placements for children who
23 otherwise would likely be placed in foster care. These funds shall be
24 used for extraordinary costs incurred by relatives at the time of
25 placement, or for extraordinary costs incurred by relatives after
26 placement if such costs would likely cause a disruption in the kinship
27 care placement. \$50,000 of the funds provided shall be contracted to
28 the Washington institute for public policy to conduct a study of
29 kinship care placements. The study shall examine the prevalence and
30 needs of families who are raising related children and shall compare
31 services and policies of Washington state with other states that have
32 a higher rate of kinship care placements in lieu of foster care
33 placements. The study shall identify possible changes in services and
34 policies that are likely to increase appropriate kinship care
35 placements.

36 (8) \$3,386,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
37 appropriation, \$7,671,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--state
38 appropriation, and \$20,819,000 of the general fund--federal

1 appropriation are provided solely for increases in the cost per case
2 for foster care and adoption support. \$16,000,000 of the general
3 fund--federal amount shall remain unallotted until the office of
4 financial management approves a plan submitted by the department to
5 achieve a higher rate of federal earnings in the foster care program.
6 That plan shall also be submitted to the fiscal committees of the
7 legislature and shall indicate projected federal revenue compared to
8 actual fiscal year 2001 levels. Within the amounts provided for foster
9 care, the department shall increase the basic rate for foster care to
10 an average of \$420 per month on July 1, 2001, and to an average of \$440
11 per month on July 1, 2002. The department shall use the remaining
12 funds provided in this subsection to pay for increases in the cost per
13 case for foster care and adoption support. The department shall seek
14 to control rate increases and reimbursement decisions for foster care
15 and adoption support cases such that the cost per case for family
16 foster care, group care, receiving homes, and adoption support does not
17 exceed the amount assumed in the projected caseload expenditures plus
18 the amounts provided in this subsection.

19 (9) \$1,767,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
20 year 2002, \$2,461,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
21 fiscal year 2003, and \$1,485,000 of the general fund--federal
22 appropriation are provided solely for rate and capacity increases for
23 child placing agencies. Child placing agencies shall increase their
24 capacity by 15 percent in fiscal year 2002 and 30 percent in fiscal
25 year 2003.

26 (10) The department shall provide secure crisis residential
27 facilities across the state in a manner that: (a) Retains geographic
28 provision of these services; and (b) retains beds in high use areas.

29 (11) \$125,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
30 year 2002 and \$125,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
31 fiscal year 2003 are provided solely for a foster parent retention
32 program. This program is directed at foster parents caring for
33 children who act out sexually, as described in House Bill No. 1525
34 (foster parent retention program).

35 **Sec. 11.** 2001 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 205 (uncodified) is amended to read
36 as follows:

1 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--DEVELOPMENTAL**
2 **DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

3 (1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

4 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2002)	\$231,693,000
5 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2003)	\$242,347,000
6 General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$396,151,000
7 Health Services Account--State	
8 Appropriation	\$741,000
9 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$870,932,000

10 The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following
11 conditions and limitations:

12 (a) The health services account appropriation and \$753,000 of the
13 general fund--federal appropriation are provided solely for health care
14 benefits for home care workers with family incomes below 200 percent of
15 the federal poverty level who are employed through state contracts for
16 twenty hours per week or more. Premium payments for individual
17 provider home care workers shall be made only to the subsidized basic
18 health plan. Home care agencies may obtain coverage either through the
19 basic health plan or through an alternative plan with substantially
20 equivalent benefits.

21 (b) \$902,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
22 year 2002, \$3,372,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
23 fiscal year 2003, and \$4,056,000 of the general fund--federal
24 appropriation are provided solely for community services for residents
25 of residential habilitation centers (RHCs) who are able to be
26 adequately cared for in community settings and who choose to live in
27 those community settings. The department shall ensure that the average
28 cost per day for all program services other than start-up costs shall
29 not exceed \$280. If the number and timing of residents choosing to
30 move into community settings is not sufficient to achieve the RHC
31 cottage consolidation plan assumed in the appropriations in subsection
32 (2) of this section, the department shall transfer sufficient
33 appropriations from this subsection to subsection (2) of this section
34 to cover the added costs incurred in the RHCs. The department shall
35 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature, within 45 days
36 following each fiscal year quarter, the number of residents moving into
37 community settings and the actual expenditures for all community
38 services to support those residents.

1 (c) \$1,440,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
2 year 2002, \$3,041,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
3 fiscal year 2003, and \$4,311,000 of the general fund--federal
4 appropriation are provided solely for expanded community services for
5 persons with developmental disabilities who also have community
6 protection issues or are diverted or discharged from state psychiatric
7 hospitals. The department shall ensure that the average cost per day
8 for all program services other than start-up costs shall not exceed
9 \$275. The department shall report to the appropriate committees of the
10 legislature, within 45 days following each fiscal year quarter, the
11 number of persons served with these additional community services,
12 where they were residing, what kinds of services they were receiving
13 prior to placement, and the actual expenditures for all community
14 services to support these clients.

15 (d) \$1,005,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
16 year 2002, \$2,262,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
17 fiscal year 2003, and \$2,588,000 of the general fund--federal
18 appropriation are provided solely for increasing case/resource
19 management resources to improve oversight and quality of care for
20 persons enrolled in the medicaid home and community services waiver for
21 persons with developmental disabilities. The department shall not
22 increase total enrollment in home and community based waivers for
23 persons with developmental disabilities except for increases assumed in
24 additional funding provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.
25 ~~((Prior to submitting to the health care financing authority any
26 additional home and community based waiver request for persons with
27 developmental disabilities, the department shall submit a summary of
28 the waiver request to the appropriate committees of the legislature.
29 The summary shall include eligibility criteria, program description,
30 enrollment projections and limits, and budget and cost effectiveness
31 projections that distinguish the requested waiver from other existing
32 or proposed waivers.))~~

33 (e) \$1,000,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
34 year 2002 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
35 fiscal year 2003 are provided solely for employment, or other day
36 activities and training programs, for young adults with developmental
37 disabilities who complete their high school curriculum in 2001 or 2002.
38 These services are intended to assist with the transition to work and

1 more independent living. Funding shall be used to the greatest extent
2 possible for vocational rehabilitation services matched with federal
3 funding. In recent years, the state general fund appropriation for
4 employment and day programs has been underspent. These surpluses,
5 built into the carry forward level budget, shall be redeployed for high
6 school transition services.

7 (f) \$369,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general fund--state
8 appropriation and \$369,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general fund--state
9 appropriation are provided solely for continuation of the autism pilot
10 project started in 1999.

11 (g) \$4,049,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
12 year 2002, \$1,734,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
13 fiscal year 2003, and \$5,369,000 of the general fund--federal
14 appropriation are provided solely to increase compensation by an
15 average of fifty cents per hour for low-wage workers providing state-
16 funded services to persons with developmental disabilities. These
17 funds, along with funding provided for vendor rate increases, are
18 sufficient to raise wages an average of fifty cents and cover the
19 employer share of unemployment and social security taxes on the amount
20 of the wage increase. In consultation with the statewide associations
21 representing such agencies, the department shall establish a mechanism
22 for testing the extent to which funds have been used for this purpose,
23 and report the results to the fiscal committees of the legislature by
24 February 1, 2002.

25 (2) INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

26	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2002)	\$71,977,000
27	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2003)	\$69,303,000
28	General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$145,641,000
29	General Fund--Private/Local Appropriation	\$10,230,000
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$297,151,000

31 The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following
32 conditions and limitations: Pursuant to RCW 71A.12.160, if residential
33 habilitation center capacity is not being used for permanent residents,
34 the department may make residential habilitation center vacancies
35 available for respite care and any other services needed to care for
36 clients who are not currently being served in a residential
37 habilitation center and whose needs require staffing levels similar to

1 current residential habilitation center residents. Providing respite
2 care shall not impede the department's ability to consolidate cottages
3 as assumed in the appropriations in this subsection.

4 (3) PROGRAM SUPPORT

5 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2002)	\$2,601,000
6 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2003)	\$2,623,000
7 General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$2,413,000
8 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$7,637,000

9 The appropriations in this subsection are subject to the following
10 conditions and limitations: \$50,000 of the fiscal year 2002 general
11 fund--state appropriation and \$50,000 of the fiscal year 2003 general
12 fund--state appropriation are provided solely for increasing the
13 contract amount for the southeast Washington deaf and hard of hearing
14 services center due to increased workload.

15 (4) SPECIAL PROJECTS

16 General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$11,995,000
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17 **Sec. 12.** 2001 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 207 (uncodified) is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--ECONOMIC SERVICES**
20 **PROGRAM**

21 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2002)	\$436,440,000
22 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2003)	\$424,870,000
23 General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$1,356,351,000
24 General Fund--Private/Local Appropriation	\$31,788,000
25 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,249,449,000

26 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
27 conditions and limitations:

28 (1) \$282,081,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
29 fiscal year 2002, \$278,277,000 of the general fund--state appropriation
30 for fiscal year 2003, \$1,254,197,000 of the general fund--federal
31 appropriation, and \$29,352,000 of the general fund--local appropriation
32 are provided solely for the WorkFirst program and child support
33 operations. WorkFirst expenditures include TANF grants, diversion
34 services, subsidized child care, employment and training, other
35 WorkFirst related services, allocated field services operating costs,

1 and allocated economic services program administrative costs. Within
2 the amounts provided in this subsection, the department shall:

3 (a) Continue to implement WorkFirst program improvements that are
4 designed to achieve progress against outcome measures specified in RCW
5 74.08A.410. Valid outcome measures of job retention and wage
6 progression shall be developed (~~((and reported quarterly to appropriate
7 fiscal and policy committees of the legislature for families who leave
8 assistance, measured after 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months))~~). An
9 increased attention to job retention and wage progression is necessary
10 to emphasize the legislature's goal that the WorkFirst program succeed
11 in helping recipients gain long-term economic independence and not
12 cycle on and off public assistance. (~~((The wage progression measure
13 shall report the median percentage increase in quarterly earnings and
14 hourly wage after 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months. The wage
15 progression report shall also report the percent with earnings above
16 one hundred percent and two hundred percent of the federal poverty
17 level. The report shall compare former WorkFirst participants with
18 similar workers who did not participate in WorkFirst. The department
19 shall also report the percentage of families who have returned to
20 temporary assistance for needy families after 12 months, 24 months, and
21 36 months.))~~)

22 (b) Develop informational materials that educate families about the
23 difference between cash assistance and work support benefits. These
24 materials must explain, among other facts, that the benefits are
25 designed to support their employment, that there are no time limits on
26 the receipt of work support benefits, and that immigration or residency
27 status will not be affected by the receipt of benefits. These
28 materials shall be posted in all community service offices and
29 distributed to families. Materials must be available in multiple
30 languages. When a family leaves the temporary assistance for needy
31 families program, receives cash diversion assistance, or withdraws a
32 temporary assistance for needy families application, the department of
33 social and health services shall educate them about the difference
34 between cash assistance and work support benefits and offer them the
35 opportunity to begin or to continue receiving work support benefits, so
36 long as they are eligible. The department shall provide this
37 information through in-person interviews, over the telephone, and/or
38 through the mail. Work support benefits include food stamps, medicaid

1 for all family members, medicaid or state children's health insurance
2 program for children, and child care assistance. ((The department
3 shall report annually to the legislature the number of families who
4 have had exit interviews, been reached successfully by phone, and been
5 sent mail. The report shall also include the percentage of families
6 who elect to continue each of the benefits and the percentage found
7 ineligible by each substantive reason code. A substantive reason code
8 shall not be "other." The report shall identify barriers to informing
9 families about work support benefits and describe existing and future
10 actions to overcome such barriers.))

11 (c) From the amounts provided in this subsection, provide \$50,000
12 from the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2002 and
13 \$50,000 from the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2003
14 to the Washington institute for public policy for continuation of the
15 WorkFirst evaluation database.

16 (d) Submit a report by December 1, 2001, to the fiscal committees
17 of the legislature containing a spending plan for the WorkFirst
18 program. The plan shall identify how spending levels in the 2001-2003
19 biennium will be adjusted by June 30, 2003, to be sustainable within
20 available federal grant levels and the carryforward level of state
21 funds.

22 (2) \$48,341,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
23 year 2002 and \$48,341,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
24 fiscal year 2003 are provided solely for cash assistance and other
25 services to recipients in the general assistance--unemployable program.
26 Within these amounts, the department may expend funds for services that
27 assist recipients to reduce their dependence on public assistance,
28 provided that expenditures for these services and cash assistance do
29 not exceed the funds provided.

30 (3) \$5,632,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
31 year 2002 and \$5,632,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
32 fiscal year 2003 are provided solely for the food assistance program
33 for legal immigrants. The level of benefits shall be equivalent to the
34 benefits provided by the federal food stamp program.

35 (4) \$48,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
36 year 2002 is provided solely to implement chapter 111, Laws of 2001
37 (veterans/Philippines).

1 (5) The department shall apply the provisions of RCW 74.04.005(10)
2 to simplify resource eligibility policy, make such policy consistent
3 with other federal public assistance programs, and achieve the
4 budgetary savings assumed in this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The following acts or parts of acts are
6 each repealed:

7 (1) RCW 71.24.820 (Mental health system review--Implementation of
8 status reports) and 2001 c 334 s 3; and

9 (2) RCW 71.24.830 (Mental health system review--Content of status
10 reports) and 2001 c 334 s 4."

11 Renumber the remaining section consecutively, correct any internal
12 references accordingly, and correct the title.

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