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SENATE BILL 5080

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By Senators Stevens, Mulliken, Benton, Hewitt, Honeyford, Morton, McCaslin, Parlette and T. Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to a hiring freeze within state government;  
2 creating a new section; providing an effective date; providing an  
3 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) Except under subsection (2) of this  
6 section, the number of employees employed by each agency of state  
7 government shall not exceed the actual employment level of the agency  
8 on March 1, 2003, for all employee positions paid for, in full or in  
9 part, with funds from the state general fund.

10 (b) Except under subsection (2) of this section, beginning March 1,  
11 2003, each agency of state government is prohibited from hiring  
12 replacements for employees who leave the agency regardless of the  
13 reason. This prohibition attaches to all employee positions paid for,  
14 in full or in part, with funds from the state general fund.

15 (2) The only exceptions to subsection (1) of this section are as  
16 follows:

17 (a) Positions in state agencies with less than twenty full-time  
18 equivalents;

1 (b) Service positions within correctional facilities and state  
2 hospitals that are necessary to maintain full security or service  
3 levels; and

4 (c) The following agencies or portions of agencies: (i) Supreme  
5 court, (ii) court of appeals, (iii) department of revenue, (iv) state  
6 school for the blind, (v) state school for the deaf, (vi) military  
7 department, (vii) faculty at the state's institutions of higher  
8 education (program 010 in LEAP), and (viii) nonprogram support  
9 positions (program 110 and category 9000 in LEAP) in the department of  
10 social and health services that provide direct service operations in  
11 the divisions of children's administration, juvenile rehabilitation,  
12 developmental disabilities, long-term care, alcohol and substance  
13 abuse, medical assistance, and vocational rehabilitation.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act expires June 30, 2005.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
18 March 1, 2003.

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