
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2312

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Walsh, Kagi, Morrell and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to legislative oversight of WorkFirst and temporary
2 assistance to needy families; and adding a new section to chapter
3 74.08A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The WorkFirst oversight committee is established for the
8 purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the WorkFirst program in
9 promoting personal responsibility among recipients and in helping them
10 attain long-term self-sufficiency. The committee shall consist of the
11 following members:

12 (a) Two members of the Washington state house of representatives,
13 one from each major caucus, to be appointed by the speaker of the house
14 of representatives;

15 (b) Two members of the Washington state senate, one from each major
16 caucus, to be appointed by the president of the senate;

17 (c) The director of the office of financial management;

18 (d) The secretary of the department of social and health services;

19 (e) The commissioner of the employment security department;

1 (f) The director of the department of community, trade, and
2 economic development;

3 (g) The executive director of the state board for community and
4 technical colleges; and

5 (h) The director of the department of early learning.

6 The members of the committee representing the majority caucus in
7 the house of representatives and the majority caucus in the senate
8 shall serve as cochairs of the committee.

9 (2) The WorkFirst oversight committee shall meet quarterly.

10 (3) The WorkFirst oversight committee shall receive monthly written
11 reports on the following measures:

12 (a) Temporary assistance for needy families work participation
13 rates;

14 (b) The number of recipients enrolled in post-temporary assistance
15 for needy families support programs when such programs are implemented;

16 (c) The number of recipients in sanction status;

17 (d) The number of recipients receiving working connections child
18 care subsidies; and

19 (e) Temporary assistance for needy families expenditures in each
20 major activity.

21 (4) The WorkFirst oversight committee shall receive quarterly
22 written reports on the following measures:

23 (a) The number of recipients who exited WorkFirst and entered the
24 workforce; and

25 (b) The percentage increase in earning capacity for recipients who
26 exited WorkFirst and entered the workforce.

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