

ESHB 1449 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that the current economic environment  
6 requires that the state, when appropriate, charge for some of the  
7 services provided directly to the users of those services. The office  
8 of the superintendent of public instruction is currently supported with  
9 state funds to process certification fees. In addition, the  
10 legislature finds that the processing of certifications should be moved  
11 to an online system that allows educators to manage their  
12 certifications and provides better information to policymakers. The  
13 legislature intends to assess a certification processing fee to  
14 eliminate state-funded support of the cost to issue educator  
15 certificates.

16 (2) In addition to the certification fee established under RCW  
17 28A.410.060, the superintendent of public instruction shall charge an  
18 application processing fee for initial educator certificates and  
19 subsequent actions. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
20 establish the amount of the fee by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW. The  
21 superintendent shall set the fee at a sufficient level to defray the  
22 costs of administering the educator certification program under RCW  
23 28A.300.040(9). Revenue generated through the processing fee shall be  
24 deposited in the educator certification processing account.

25 (3) The educator certification processing account is established in  
26 the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public  
27 instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from the  
28 fees collected in subsection (2) of this section. Moneys in the  
29 account may be spent only for the processing of educator certificates  
30 and subsequent actions. Disbursements from the account shall be on

1 authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the  
2 superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment  
3 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
4 required for disbursements.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
8 July 1, 2011."

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9 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "actions;" strike the  
10 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
11 28A.410 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Aligns effective date with Senate budget proposal,  
allowing educator certification fees to be collected for the 2011-12  
school year for implementation of the online certification system.

FISCAL IMPACT: Aligns bill to Senate budget assumption of  
\$855,000 net savings to the General Fund--state when certification  
processing activities are transferred to the dedicated account.

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