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By Representatives Hunter, Haigh, Anderson, Maxwell, Sullivan, and Dammeier; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a processing fee for educator  
2 certificates and subsequent actions; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 28A.410 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 28A.410  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the current economic environment  
8 requires that the state, when appropriate, charge for some of the  
9 services provided directly to the users of those services. The office  
10 of the superintendent of public instruction is currently supported with  
11 state funds to process certification fees. The legislature intends to  
12 assess a certification processing fee to eliminate state-funded support  
13 of the cost to issue educator certificates.

14 (2) In addition to the certification fee established under RCW  
15 28A.410.060, the superintendent of public instruction shall charge an  
16 application processing fee for initial educator certificates and  
17 subsequent actions. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
18 establish the amount of the fee by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW. The  
19 superintendent shall set the fee at a sufficient level to defray the

1 costs of administering the educator certification program under RCW  
2 28A.300.040(9). Revenue generated through the processing fee shall be  
3 deposited in the educator certification processing account.

4 (3) The educator certification processing account is established in  
5 the custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public  
6 instruction shall deposit in the account all moneys received from the  
7 fees collected in subsection (2) of this section. Moneys in the  
8 account may be spent only for the processing of educator certificates  
9 and subsequent actions. Disbursements from the account shall be on  
10 authorization of the superintendent of public instruction or the  
11 superintendent's designee. The account is subject to the allotment  
12 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
13 required for disbursements.

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