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By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.08A.250 and 2013 c 39 s 27 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this
6 chapter, "work activity" means:

7 (1) Unsubsidized paid employment in the private or public sector;

8 (2) Subsidized paid employment in the private or public sector,
9 including employment through the state or federal work-study program
10 for a period not to exceed twenty-four months;

11 (3) Work experience, including:

12 (a) An internship or practicum, that is paid or unpaid and is
13 required to complete a course of vocational training or to obtain a
14 license or certificate in a high-demand occupation, as determined by
15 the employment security department. No internship or practicum shall
16 exceed twelve months; or

17 (b) Work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted
18 housing, if sufficient paid employment is not available;

19 (4) On-the-job training;

20 (5) Job search and job readiness assistance;

21 (6) Community service programs, including a recipient's voluntary
22 service at a child care or preschool facility licensed under chapter
23 43.215 RCW or an elementary school in which his or her child is
24 enrolled;

25 (7) Vocational educational training, not to exceed twelve months
26 with respect to any individual except that this twelve-month limit
27 may be increased to twenty-four months subject to funding
28 appropriated specifically for this purpose;

29 (8) Job skills training directly related to employment;

30 (9) Education directly related to employment, in the case of a
31 recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a high school
32 equivalency certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;

1 (10) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course
2 of study leading to a high school equivalency certificate as provided
3 in RCW 28B.50.536, in the case of a recipient who has not completed
4 secondary school or received such a certificate;
5 (11) The provision of child care services to an individual who is
6 participating in a community service program;
7 (12) Internships, that shall be paid or unpaid work experience
8 performed by an intern in a business, industry, or government or
9 nongovernmental agency setting;
10 (13) Practicums, which include any educational program in which a
11 student is working under the close supervision of a professional in
12 an agency, clinic, or other professional practice setting for
13 purposes of advancing their skills and knowledge;
14 (14) Services required by the recipient under RCW 74.08.025(3)
15 and 74.08A.010(4) to become employable;
16 (15) Financial literacy activities designed to be effective in
17 assisting a recipient in becoming self-sufficient and financially
18 stable; and
19 (16) Parent education services or programs that support
20 development of appropriate parenting skills, life skills, and
21 employment-related competencies."

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22 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.08A.250."

EFFECT: • Subject to funding appropriated specifically for this purpose, allows WorkFirst participants to be extended from 12 months to 24 months.

• Removes the JLARC review of the impact of extending the amount of vocational education training.

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