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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6237**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Bailey, Rolfes, Walsh, Hasegawa, Chase, Darneille, Saldaña, Conway, and Kuderer)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the personal needs allowance for  
2 people in residential and institutional care settings; and amending  
3 RCW 74.09.340.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.340 and 2017 c 270 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((Effective July 1, 2017))~~ (1) Except as provided in RCW  
8 72.36.160, beginning January 1, 2019, the personal needs allowance  
9 for clients being served in medical institutions and in residential  
10 settings is seventy dollars.

11 (2) Beginning January 1, 2020, and each ((fiscal)) year  
12 thereafter, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for  
13 this specific purpose, the personal needs allowance shall be adjusted  
14 for economic trends and conditions by increasing the allowance by the  
15 percentage cost-of-living adjustment for old-age, survivors, and  
16 disability social security benefits as published by the federal  
17 social security administration. However, in no case shall the  
18 personal needs allowance exceed the maximum personal needs allowance  
19 permissible under the federal social security act.

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