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By Representatives Bateman, Reed, Taylor, Doglio, Macri, Caldier, Simmons, Thai, Bergquist, Wylie, Kloba, Ormsby, and Tharinger; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1   AN ACT Relating to raising the residential personal needs
2   allowance; and amending RCW 74.09.340.

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

4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.340 and 2022 c 164 s 1 are each amended to
5   read as follows:
6   (1) Except as provided in RCW 72.36.160, beginning ((January 1,
7   2019)) July 1, 2023, the personal needs allowance for clients being
8   served in medical institutions and in residential settings is (($70))
9   $100.
10   (2) Beginning January 1, ((2020)) 2024, and each year thereafter,
11 ((subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
12 specific purpose,)) the personal needs allowance for clients being
13 served in medical institutions and in residential settings shall:
14   (a) Be adjusted for economic trends and conditions by increasing
15 the allowance by the percentage cost-of-living adjustment for old-
16 age, survivors, and disability social security benefits as published
17 by the federal social security administration; and
18   (b) Not exceed the maximum personal needs allowance permissible
19 under the federal social security act.
20   (3) Unless subject to a separate determination of a monthly
21 maintenance needs allowance for a community spouse by authority rule,

1 beginning July 1, 2022, the personal needs allowance for a client
2 receiving home and community-based waiver services authorized by home
3 and community services while living at home shall:
4   (a) Be adjusted to an amount that is no less than 300 percent of
5 the federal benefit rate; and
6   (b) Not exceed the maximum personal needs allowance permissible
7 under the federal social security act.

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