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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Doglio, Goodman, Parshley, Salahuddin, and Wylie)

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1 AN ACT Relating to services and supports for individuals with
2 traumatic brain injuries; amending RCW 46.63.110, 74.31.040,
3 74.31.050, and 74.31.060; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that individuals
6 living with traumatic brain injuries face significant barriers to
7 accessing necessary support services, community integration programs,
8 and peer-led recovery opportunities. The legislature acknowledges
9 that traumatic brain injuries can lead to long-term cognitive,
10 emotional, and physical challenges, often resulting in social
11 isolation, difficulty in maintaining employment, and limited access
12 to rehabilitation services. Additionally, family members and
13 caregivers of individuals with a traumatic brain injury require
14 ongoing support and guidance to navigate the complexities of
15 available resources. Recent trends indicate that allocations have
16 disproportionately favored virtual education and state-affiliated
17 programs, leaving direct peer-to-peer groups and community-based
18 support underfunded. The disappearance of many in-person support
19 groups, due to financial constraints, has severely limited
20 opportunities for individuals with a traumatic brain injury to

1 connect, build essential life skills, and engage in meaningful
2 recovery-focused activities.

3 The legislature recognizes the urgent need to rebalance funding
4 priorities to ensure that in-person support groups and community
5 integration programs are adequately supported.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.63.110 and 2024 c 308 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) A person found to have committed a traffic infraction
9 shall be assessed a monetary penalty. No penalty may exceed \$250 for
10 each offense unless authorized by this chapter or title.

11 (b) The court may waive or remit any monetary penalty, fee, cost,
12 assessment, or other monetary obligation associated with a traffic
13 infraction unless the specific monetary obligation in question is
14 prohibited from being waived or remitted by state law.

15 (2) The monetary penalty for a violation of (a) RCW 46.55.105(2)
16 is \$250 for each offense; (b) RCW 46.61.210(1) is \$500 for each
17 offense. No penalty assessed under this subsection (2) may be
18 reduced.

19 (3) The supreme court shall prescribe by rule a schedule of
20 monetary penalties for designated traffic infractions. This rule
21 shall also specify the conditions under which local courts may
22 exercise discretion in assessing fines and penalties for traffic
23 infractions. The legislature respectfully requests the supreme court
24 to adjust this schedule every two years for inflation.

25 (4) There shall be a penalty of \$25 for failure to respond to a
26 notice of traffic infraction except where the infraction relates to
27 parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution
28 or failure to pay a monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this
29 chapter. A local legislative body may set a monetary penalty not to
30 exceed \$25 for failure to respond to a notice of traffic infraction
31 relating to parking as defined by local law, ordinance, regulation,
32 or resolution. The local court, whether a municipal, police, or
33 district court, shall impose the monetary penalty set by the local
34 legislative body.

35 (5) Monetary penalties provided for in chapter 46.70 RCW which
36 are civil in nature and penalties which may be assessed for
37 violations of chapter 46.44 RCW relating to size, weight, and load of
38 motor vehicles are not subject to the limitation on the amount of
39 monetary penalties which may be imposed pursuant to this chapter.

1 (6) Whenever a monetary penalty, fee, cost, assessment, or other
2 monetary obligation is imposed by a court under this chapter, it is
3 immediately payable and is enforceable as a civil judgment under
4 Title 6 RCW. If the court determines that a person is not able to pay
5 a monetary obligation in full, the court shall enter into a payment
6 plan with the person in accordance with RCW 46.63.190 and standards
7 that may be set out in court rule.

8 (7) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this section
9 and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this section,
10 a person found to have committed a traffic infraction shall be
11 assessed:

12 (a) A fee of \$5 per infraction. Under no circumstances shall this
13 fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be forwarded to
14 the state treasurer for deposit in the emergency medical services and
15 trauma care system trust account under RCW 70.168.040;

16 (b) A fee of \$10 per infraction. Under no circumstances shall
17 this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be
18 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund; and

19 (c) A fee of (~~\$5~~) \$10 per infraction. Under no circumstances
20 shall this fee be reduced or waived. Revenue from this fee shall be
21 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the traumatic brain
22 injury account established in RCW 74.31.060.

23 (8)(a) In addition to any other penalties imposed under this
24 section and not subject to the limitation of subsection (1) of this
25 section, a person found to have committed a traffic infraction other
26 than of RCW 46.61.527 or 46.61.212 shall be assessed an additional
27 penalty of \$24. The court may not reduce, waive, or suspend the
28 additional penalty unless the court finds the offender to be
29 indigent. If a court authorized community restitution program for
30 offenders is available in the jurisdiction, the court shall allow
31 offenders to offset all or a part of the penalty due under this
32 subsection (8) by participation in the court authorized community
33 restitution program.

34 (b) \$12.50 of the additional penalty under (a) of this subsection
35 shall be remitted to the state treasurer. The remaining revenue from
36 the additional penalty must be remitted under chapters 2.08, 3.46,
37 3.50, 3.62, 10.82, and 35.20 RCW. Money remitted under this
38 subsection to the state treasurer must be deposited as follows: \$8.50
39 in the state general fund and \$4 in the driver licensing technology
40 support account created under RCW 46.68.067. The moneys deposited

1 into the driver licensing technology support account must be used to
2 support information technology systems used by the department to
3 communicate with the judicial information system, manage driving
4 records, and implement court orders. The balance of the revenue
5 received by the county or city treasurer under this subsection must
6 be deposited into the county or city current expense fund. Moneys
7 retained by the city or county under this subsection shall constitute
8 reimbursement for any liabilities under RCW 43.135.060.

9 (9) If a legal proceeding, such as garnishment, has commenced to
10 collect any delinquent amount owed by the person for any penalty
11 imposed by the court under this section, the person may request a
12 payment plan pursuant to RCW 46.63.190.

13 (10) The monetary penalty for violating RCW 46.37.395 is: (a)
14 \$250 for the first violation; (b) \$500 for the second violation; and
15 (c) \$750 for each violation thereafter.

16 (11) The additional monetary penalty for a violation of RCW
17 46.20.500 is not subject to assessments or fees provided under this
18 section.

19 (12) The additional monetary fine for a violation of RCW
20 46.61.110, 46.61.145, 46.61.180, 46.61.185, 46.61.190, and 46.61.205
21 is not subject to assessments or fees provided under this section.

22 (13) The additional monetary penalties for a violation of RCW
23 46.61.165 are not subject to assessments or fees provided under this
24 section.

25 (14) The monetary penalty for a violation of RCW 46.63.200 is not
26 subject to assessments or fees provided under this section.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.31.040 and 2011 c 143 s 4 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 In collaboration with the council, the department shall conduct a
30 public awareness campaign that utilizes funding from the traumatic
31 brain injury account to leverage a private advertising campaign to
32 persuade Washington residents to be aware and concerned about the
33 issues facing individuals with traumatic brain injuries through all
34 forms of media including internet, television, radio, and print. The
35 public awareness campaign must also include information on the
36 availability and benefits of in-person peer support groups, community
37 integration programs, and other services designed to assist
38 individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.31.050 and 2011 c 143 s 5 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall provide funding from the traumatic brain
4 injury account established by RCW 74.31.060 to programs that
5 facilitate support groups to individuals with traumatic brain
6 injuries and their families.

7 (2) The department shall use a request for proposal process to
8 select the programs to receive funding. The council shall provide
9 recommendations to the department on the criteria to be used in
10 selecting the programs.

11 (3) At least 30 percent of the annual expenditures from the
12 traumatic brain injury account must be allocated to in-person support
13 groups and community integration activities. The department shall
14 ensure that funds dedicated to in-person support groups, the
15 expansion of structured programs that facilitate direct peer-to-peer
16 connection for individuals and family members impacted by traumatic
17 brain injuries, and community integration programs prioritize peer
18 engagement and are not disproportionately allocated to virtual-only
19 support structures or other department-affiliated programs that do
20 not. The council shall review and approve annual funding proposals
21 for in-person support and community integration programs to ensure
22 transparency and adherence to legislative intent. The department
23 shall make every effort to disburse the incremental revenue that is
24 the result of the fee under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) or federal funds
25 under RCW 74.31.060(2) in a diverse manner to include rural areas of
26 the state.

27 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.31.060 and 2019 c 181 s 2 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The traumatic brain injury account is created in the state
30 treasury. The fee imposed under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) must be deposited
31 into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
32 appropriation, and may be used only to support the activities in the
33 statewide traumatic brain injury comprehensive plan, to provide a
34 public awareness campaign and services relating to traumatic brain
35 injury under RCW 74.31.040 and 74.31.050, for information and
36 referral services, and for costs of required department staff who are
37 providing support for the council under RCW 74.31.020 and 74.31.030.
38 Additionally, at least 30 percent of the annual expenditures from the
39 account must be for in-person support groups and community

1 integration activities that promote social connections between
2 individuals impacted by traumatic brain injury. The secretary of the
3 department of social and health services (~~has the authority to~~)
4 shall administer the funds in alignment with the priorities outlined
5 in this section and ensure compliance with all allocation
6 requirements. The department must make every effort to disburse the
7 incremental revenue that is the result of the fee increased under RCW
8 46.63.110(7)(c) in a diverse manner to include rural areas of the
9 state.

10 (2) The department shall proactively seek, apply for, and secure
11 federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to grants
12 available through the administration for community living and other
13 federal programs. These efforts must be conducted in coordination
14 with the council and in alignment with the council's mission and
15 priorities. Federal funds obtained pursuant to this subsection must
16 supplement the fee amounts collected pursuant to RCW 46.63.110(7)(c)
17 and must be deposited into the traumatic brain injury account. The
18 department shall ensure that any federal funds received enhance,
19 rather than supplant, existing state funding dedicated to in-person
20 support groups, community integration activities, and peer-to-peer
21 recovery initiatives.

22 (3) A minimum of 30 percent of the annual fee revenue collected
23 under RCW 46.63.110(7)(c) must be used exclusively for:

24 (a) Establishing and maintaining peer led and community-based in-
25 person support groups for individuals with a traumatic brain injury
26 and their families;

27 (b) Developing structured skills-building programs designed to
28 promote social integration and functional recovery for individuals of
29 all ages, including pediatric-focused initiatives;

30 (c) Supporting initiatives that provide direct peer-to-peer
31 mentoring and navigation assistance for newly injured individuals and
32 their families, including hospital-to-community transition support;
33 and

34 (d) Ensuring equitable access to support groups and community-
35 based programs across urban and rural regions.

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