#### SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### ONE HUNDRED FOURTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Saturday, April 26, 2025

The House was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Speaker. The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by a Sergeant at Arms Color Guard, Bill Curtis and Eyob Frederick. The Speaker led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Representative Andrew Engell, 7th Legislative District.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

#### RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4650, by Representatives Dufault, Corry, Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, Caldier, Callan, Chase, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Engell, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Ley, Low, Macri, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Mendoza, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Penner, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra, and Zahn

WHEREAS, The Washington State House of Representatives recognizes the dedication, leadership, and service of those who devote their careers to representing the citizens of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bruce Q. Chandler has honorably served the people of the 15th Legislative District and the State of Washington with distinction for 26 years, from 1999 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, Representative Chandler, a businessman and orchardist, brought his valuable perspective as owner and operator of Chandler Ranches to the Legislature, enriching policy discussions with practical knowledge of agriculture, business, project management, and accurate and responsible budgeting; and

WHEREAS, His well-known ability to work across party lines and build relationships with people with divergent views, as well as his ability to be an integral part of public policy changes without needing the publicity or credit, has tremendously served the people of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his legislative career, Representative Chandler has been recognized numerous times for his commitment to open government, small business, and early childhood education, receiving the Key Award from the Washington Coalition for Open Government, the Legislator of the Decade, and numerous Guardian of Small Business awards from the National Federation of Independent Business, the Cornerstone Award from the Association of Washington Business, the Crayon Award from the Early Learning Action Alliance, and many more; and

WHEREAS, His steadfast service to the people of the Yakima Valley and his thoughtful approach to the legislative process have made a lasting impact on our state as well as the legislators he served with; and

WHEREAS, Representative Chandler has balanced his long legislative service with his dedication to his family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Representative Bruce Q. Chandler for his 26 years of distinguished service to the citizens of the 15th Legislative District and the State of Washington,

acknowledging his numerous contributions to agriculture, business, early learning initiatives, and responsible state budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Representative Bruce Q. Chandler.

Representative Corry moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4650.

Representatives Corry, Santos, Dent, Ormsby, Schmick and Speaker Jinkins spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4650 was adopted.

#### SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5041
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO.
    ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5143
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO.
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5357
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5390
               SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5408
               SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5444
                           SENATE BILL NO. 5463
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5486
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5525
                           SENATE BILL NO. 5571
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO.
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5752
SENATE BILL NO. 5761
               ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5769
               SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5785
               SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5786
               SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5790
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5794
   ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5801
       SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5802
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#### SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bill:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2049

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5813

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5814

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 5807

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2049

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The President has signed:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5041 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5801

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

There being no objection, the House advanced to the sixth order of business.

#### SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5393, by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Robinson, Nobles and Wilson, C.)

#### Closing the Rainier school by June 30, 2027.

The bill was read the second time.

With the consent of the House, amendments (1434), (1436), (1437), (1435), (1440), (1441), (1442), (1443), (1444), (1445), (1446), (1447), (1448), (1449), (1439), (1438), (1450), (1451), (1452), (1453) and (1454) were withdrawn.

Representative Penner moved the adoption of the striking amendment (1455):

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- "Sec. 1. RCW 71A.20.020 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 30 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in ((subsection)) subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the following residential habilitation permanently established t.o provide persons with services to developmental disabilities: Lakeland Village, located at Medical Lake, Spokane county; Rainier located at Buckley, School, Pierce county; Yakima Valley School, located at Selah. Yakima county; and Fircrest School, at Seattle, King county.
- (2) The Yakima Valley School, located at Selah, Yakima county, shall cease to operate as a residential habilitation center when the conditions in RCW ((71A.20.180(2)(b))) 71A.20.180(1)(a) are met.
- (3) The Rainier school, located at Buckley, Pierce county shall cease to operate as a residential habilitation center when the conditions in section 2(5) of this act are met.
- $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. A new section is added to chapter 71A.20 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as of the effective date of this section, no new long-term

admissions are permitted at the Rainier school, located at Buckley, Pierce County.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as of June 30, 2027, no admissions of any kind are permitted at the Rainier school, located at Buckley, Pierce county.
- Until the conditions in subsection (2) (5) of this section are met, a former longterm resident of the Rainier school moves to a community-based setting after the effective date of this section shall offered the right to return to the Rainier school once during the first year following their move to the community and this shall not be considered a new admission for purposes of subsection (1) of this section. If a former resident of the Rainier school exercises the right to return established in this subsection (2), any additional request to return to the Rainier school after a second move to the community shall be reviewed by the department and must approved by the secretary, based on t.he recommendation from a multi-disciplinary In addition to the right to care team. established in this subsection return any former resident of the maintains the right to Rainier school return t.o residential habilitation center established 71A.18.040 RCW and the right residential habilitation center services when determined eligible.
  - (3) (a) The department shall:
- (i) Provide state-operated living alternatives to residential habilitation center residents transitioning to the community from the Rainier school who prefer a state-operated community residential service;
- (ii) Use supported living program and adult family home capacity in the community for residents of the Rainier school who prefer and choose these settings;
- (iii) Provide space at other residential habilitation centers to residents of the Rainier school who prefer a different residential habilitation center setting; and
- (iv) Offer employees of the Rainier school opportunities to work in state-operated living alternatives and other state facilities and programs.
- (b) Sufficient funding shall be appropriated to the department to fulfill the requirements of this subsection (3).
- (4) When assisting individuals who are transitioning out of the Rainier school the department shall:
- (a) Offer each individual resident a meaningful choice of appropriate alternative placements;
- (b) Prioritize client choice, autonomy, individual preferences, medical and behavioral health care needs, and opportunities for community integration;
- (c) Develop individualized transition plans in collaboration with each resident and their family or legal guardian, caregivers, and support providers;
- (d) Coordinate closely with other state agencies, local entities, health care providers, and community stakeholders to ensure seamless transitions;
- (e) Provide or contract for all necessary assessments, planning, relocation expenses, housing modifications, staff training,

crisis support, and related transition activities; and

- (f)Implement robust oversight and accountability measures related the to transitions, and regularly monitor transition outcomes, as well as individual well-being and satisfaction.
- The Rainier school, located Buckley, Pierce County shall continue t.o operate as a residential habilitation center until such time that the census of long-term residents has reached zero persons.
  (6) "Closure" for purposes of
- prohibiting new admissions means as described in subsection (1) of this section.

 ${{\rm \underline{NEW}}}$  SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The department social and health services shall, in with RCW 43.01.036, compliance submit. report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on December 1, 2025, June 1, 2026, December 1, 2026, June 1, 2027, June 2028, and annually thereafter provides the information described subsection (2) of this section.

- (2) The report required under subsection of this (1)section must include following:
- (a) A point in time description of the capacity for all residential settings clients of the developmental disabilities administration within the department social and health services;
- The number of former residents who have transitioned out of the Rainier school after the effective date of this section and type of setting that the including transitioned to, additional transitions from the initial placement;
- (c) The number of deaths of former residents who have transitioned out of the Rainier school after the effective date of other residential the developmental this section and into settings supported by
- disabilities administration;
  (d) The geographic distribution residential placements across all existing residential placements for clients of the developmental disabilities administration within the department of social and health services; and
- Information regarding former Rainier school employees who have transitioned to other state employment, left the industry, or transitioned to private sector employment after the effective date of this section.

  (3) This section expires July 1, 2030.

SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is 43.382 RCW to read added to chapter as follows:

- November 2028, Ву 1, and compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the office of the developmental disability ombuds shall appropriate submit а report to the committees of the legislature that includes summaries of resident, parent, and guardian feedback regarding transition of residents out of the Rainier school following effective date of this section.
  - (2) This section expires July 1, 2029.

SECTION. Sec. 5. The department of social and health services shall, within available funds, hold a public comment. period to solicit feedback for the purpose

of identifying strategies to mitigate impact of the closure described in section 2 of this act on the communities that are most directly affected. The public comment period must be at least 90 days and must conclude no later than November 1, 2025."

Representatives Penner and Bergquist spoke in favor of the adoption of the striking amendment.

The striking amendment (1455) was adopted.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill, as amended by the House, was placed on final passage.

Representatives Taylor, Dye, Penner and Farivar spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Couture spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5393, as amended by the House.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5393, as amended by the House, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 76; Nays, 22; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Klicker, Kloba, Lekanoff, Ley, Low, Macri, Manjarrez, McClintock, Mena, Mendoza, Nance, Obras, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Penner, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Waters, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Couture, Dufault, Engell, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Leavitt, Marshall, McEntire, Morgan, Rude, Schmidt, Scott, Stearns, Steele, Volz, Walsh and Ybarra

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5393, as amended by the House, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

With the consent of the House, SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5393 was immediately transmitted to the Senate.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the seventh order of business.

#### THIRD READING

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1207, with the following amendment(s): 1207-S2 AMS WM S3356.1

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 36.18.020 and 2022 c 260 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Revenue collected under this section is subject to division with the state under 36.18.025 RCW and with the county library regional law fund under RCW 27.24.070, except as provided in ((subsection (5))) subsections (5) and (6) of this section.
- (2) Clerks of superior courts shall collect the following fees for their official services:
- (a) In addition to any other fee required law, the party filing the first in any document civil including, but not limited to an action for restitution, adoption, or change of name, and any party filing a counterclaim, crossclaim, or third-party claim in any such civil action, shall pay, at the time the document is filed, a fee of \$200 except, in an unlawful detainer action under chapter 59.18 or 59.20 RCW for which the plaintiff shall pay a case initiating filing fee of \$45, or in proceedings filed under RCW RCW 28A.225.030 alleging a violation οf t.he attendance laws where compulsory the petitioner shall not pay a filing fee. The \$45 filing fee under this subsection for an unlawful detainer action shall not include an order to show cause or any other order or judgment except a default order or default judgment in an unlawful detainer action.
- (b) Any party, except a defendant in a criminal case, filing the first or initial document on an appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction or any party on any civil appeal, shall pay, when the document is filed, a fee of \$200.
- (c) For filing of a petition for judicial review as required under RCW 34.05.514 a filing fee of \$200.
- (d) For filing of a petition for an antiharassment protection order under RCW 7.105.100 a filing fee of \$53.
- (e) For filing the notice of debt due for the compensation of a crime victim under RCW 7.68.120(2) (a) a fee of \$200.
- (f) In probate proceedings, the party instituting such proceedings, shall pay at the time of filing the first document therein, a fee of \$200.
- (g) For filing any petition to contest a will admitted to probate or a petition to admit a will which has been rejected, or a petition objecting to a written agreement or memorandum as provided in RCW 11.96A.220, there shall be paid a fee of \$200.
- (h) Upon conviction or plea of guilty, upon failure to prosecute an appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction as provided by law, or upon affirmance of a conviction by a of limited jurisdiction, court. an defendant in a criminal case shall be liable for a fee of two hundred dollars, except this fee shall not be imposed on a defendant indigent as defined is in who 10.01.160(3). Upon motion by the defendant, court may waive or reduce any previously imposed under this subsection if finds that the defendant indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3).
- (i) ((With the exception of demands for jury hereafter made and garnishments hereafter issued, civil actions and probate proceedings filed prior to midnight, July 1, 1972, shall be completed and governed by the fee schedule in effect as of January 1,

- 1972. However, no)) No fee shall be assessed if an order of dismissal on the clerk's record be filed as provided by rule of the supreme court.
- (3) No fee shall be collected when a petition for relinquishment of parental rights is filed pursuant to RCW 26.33.080 or for forms and instructional brochures provided under RCW 7.105.115.
- (4) No fee shall be collected when an abstract of judgment is filed by the county clerk of another county for the purposes of collection of legal financial obligations.
- (5)(a) In addition to the fees required to be collected under this section, clerks of the superior courts must collect surcharges as provided in this subsection (5) of which 75 percent must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial stabilization trust account and 25 percent must be retained by the county.

  (b) On filing fees required to be
- (b) On filing fees required to be collected under subsection (2)(b) of this section, a surcharge of \$30 must be collected.
- (c) On all filing fees required to be collected under this section, except for fees required under subsection (2)(b), (d), and (h) of this section, a surcharge of \$40 must be collected.
- (6) On filing fees required to be collected under subsection (2)(a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) of this section, a surcharge of \$50 must be collected and \$45 of such surcharge must be transmitted by the county treasurer to the state treasurer to be deposited in the following manner: \$20 in the Washington state legacy project, state library, and archives account and \$25 in the remaining funds must be retained by the county to be used for the county clerk's office operations, including administering the surcharge."
- On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "fees;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 36.18.020."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

#### SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1207 and advanced the bill, as amended by the Senate, to final passage.

Representative Taylor spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Walsh spoke against the passage of the bill.

# FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 1207, as amended by the Senate.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Second Substitute House Bill No. 1207, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 54; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Eslick, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Orcutt, Paul, Penner, Richards, Rude, Rule, Schmick, Schmidt, Shavers, Steele, Stokesbary, Stuebe, Timmons, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1207, as amended by the Senate, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1498, with the following amendment(s): 1498-S AMS DHIN S3392.1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, insert "(1)"

On page 1, beginning on line 11, after "appropriation." strike all material through "act" on line 13 and insert the following:

"(2) Expenditures from the account may only be used for:

(a) The domestic violence co-responder grant program created in section 2 of this act; and

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, other programs and services to address domestic violence."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

### SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1498 and advanced the bill, as amended by the Senate, to final passage.

Representatives Davis and Couture spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

## FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1498, as amended by the Senate.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1498, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 70; Nays, 28; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Barkis, Barnard, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Burnett, Callan, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Keaton, Klicker, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Manjarrez, Mena, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Parshley, Paul,

Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Stuebe, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Walen, Waters, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Bernbaum, Caldier, Chase, Corry, Dufault, Engell, Jacobsen, Ley, Low, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Morgan, Orcutt, Ortiz-Self, Penner, Richards, Rude, Rule, Shavers, Simmons, Timmons, Volz, Walsh and Ybarra

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1498, as amended by the Senate, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2003, with the following amendment(s): 2003 AMS WM S3357.1

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW to read as follows:

The Columbia river recreational (1)salmon and steelhead endorsement account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from Columbia river salmon and steelhead purchases under section 2 of endorsement this act and gifts made for purposes of the Columbia recreational river salmon and steelhead endorsement program must be deposited into Expenditures from the account account . may be used only to facilitate recreational steelhead salmon and selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia river and its tributaries including, but not limited to, monitoring, hatchery production, pinniped removal, and enforcement. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

(2) This section expires January 1, 2028.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) In addition to a recreational license required under this chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead endorsement required in order for any person 15 years of or older to fish recreationally salmon or steelhead in the Columbia river where these fisheries and its tributaries have been authorized by the department. for each endorsement is \$7.50 for cost residents and nonresidents and \$6 for youth The department shall deposit and seniors. all receipts from endorsement purchases into Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement account program created in section 1 of this act.

(2) For the purposes of this section and section 1 of this act, the term "Columbia river" means the Columbia river from a line across the Columbia river between Rocky

Point in Washington and Tongue Point in Oregon to the Chief Joseph dam.

(3) This section expires January 1, 2028.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW to read follows:

- (1) By December 1, 2026, the department and the relevant stakeholders shall review salmon and Columbia river steelhead endorsement program, prepare a brief summary the activities conducted under program, and provide this summary and a recommendation whether the program should be continued to the appropriate committees of the legislature.
  - (2) This section expires January 1, 2028.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2026." Sec. 4. This act takes

effect January 1, 2026."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after and insert "adding new sections to chapter 77.12 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

#### SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2003 and advanced the bill, as amended by the Senate, to final passage.

Representative Reeves spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Couture spoke against the passage of the bill.

#### FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of House Bill No. 2003, as amended by the Senate.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2003, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 53; Nays, 45; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Simmons, Springer, Steams, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas Walson, Takangan, March Thomas, Walen, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Eslick, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Orcutt, Penner, Richards, Rude, Rule, Schmick, Schmidt, Shavers, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Stuebe, Timmons, Volz, Walsh, Waters, Wylie and Ybarra

HOUSE BILL NO. 2003, as amended by the Senate, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2047, with the following amendment(s): 2047-S AMS WM S3334.1

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 82.04.4488 and 2023 c 392 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2024, in computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is allowed for costs related to converting a qualifying business to а worker-owned cooperative, employee ownership trust, or an employee stock ownership plan, as provided in this section.
  - (2) The credit is equal to:
- to 50 percent of the conversion to exceed \$25,000, incurred by a (a) Up costs, not qualified business for converting qualified business to а worker-owned cooperative or an employee ownership trust;
- (b) Up to 50 percent of the conversion costs, not to exceed \$100,000, incurred by a qualified business for converting qualified business to an employee stock ownership plan.
- (3) (a) Credit under this section earned, and claimed against taxes due under this chapter, for the tax reporting period in which the conversion to a worker-owned cooperative, employee ownership trust, or an employee stock ownership plan is complete, or subsequent tax reporting perovided in (c) of this subsection. periods

(b) The credit must not exceed the tax otherwise due under this chapter for the tax

reporting period.

- (c) Unused credit may be carried over and used in subsequent tax reporting periods, except that no credit may be claimed more than 12 months from the end of the tax reporting period in which the credit was earned.
- (d) No refunds may be granted for credits under this section.
- credits (4) (a) The total amount of authorized under this section may not exceed an annual statewide limit of \$2,000,000.
- Credits must be (b) authorized first-in-time basis.
- (c) No credit may be earned, during any calendar year, on or after the last day of the calendar month immediately following the month the department has determined \$2,000,000 in credit has been earned.
- (5)(a) The department may require persons claiming a credit under this section to provide appropriate documentation, in manner as determined by the department, for purposes determining eligibility of under this section.
- (b) Every person claiming a credit under this section must preserve, for a period of years, any documentation substantiate the amount of credit claimed.
  - (6) For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "Conversion costs" means professional services, including accounting, legal, and business advisory services, as detailed in guidelines issued by the department, A feasibility study (i)

preliminary assessments regarding a transition of a business to an employee stock ownership plan, a worker-owned cooperative, or an employee ownership trust; or (ii) the transition of a business to an employee stock ownership plan, a worker-owned cooperative, or an employee ownership trust

(b) "Employee ownership trust" means an indirect form of employee ownership in which a trust holds a controlling stake in a qualified business and benefits all employees on an equal basis.

(c) "Employee stock ownership plan" has the same meaning as set forth in 26 U.S.C.

Sec. 4975(e)(7), as of July 1, 2024.

- (d) "Qualified business" means a person subject to tax under this chapter, including but not limited to a C corporation, S corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, or other similar passthrough entity, that is not owned in whole or in part by an employee ownership trust, that does not have an employee stock ownership plan, or that is not, in whole or in part, a worker-owned cooperative, and that is approved by the department for the tax credit in this section.
- (e) "Worker-owned cooperative" has the same meaning as set forth in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 1042(c)(2), as of July 1, 2024, or such subsequent dates as may be provided by rule by the department, consistent with the purposes of this section.
- (7) Credits allowed under this section can be earned for tax reporting periods starting on or before June 30,  $((\frac{2029}{2025}))$  No credits can be claimed on returns filed for tax periods starting on or after July 1,  $((\frac{2030}{2025}))$  2026.
- (8) This section expires July 1,  $((\frac{2030}{2030}))$  2026.

Sec. 2. RCW 43.330.590 and 2023 c 392 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) ((The))Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington employee ownership program is created to support the efforts of businesses considering a sale to an employee ownership structure. The Washington employee ownership program must be administered by the department and overseen by the Washington employee ownership commission established in RCW 43.330.592.
- (2)(a) In implementing the Washington employee ownership program, the director must:
- (i) Create a network of technical support and service providers for businesses considering employee ownership structures;
- (ii) Work with state agencies whose regulations and programs affect employee-owned businesses, and businesses with the potential to become employee owned, to enhance opportunities and reduce barriers;
- (iii) Partner with relevant private, nonprofit, and public organizations including, but not limited to, professional and trade associations, financial institutions, unions, small business development centers, economic and workforce development organizations, and nonprofit

entities to promote employee ownership benefits and succession models;

(iv) Develop and make available materials regarding employee ownership benefits and succession models;

(v) Provide a referral service to help qualified business owners find appropriate legal, financial, and technical employee ownership resources and services;

(vi) Work with the department of financial institutions and appropriate state, private, and nonprofit entities to shape and implement guidance on lending to broad-based employee ownership vehicles;

(vii) Create an inventory of employeeowned businesses in the state including employee stock ownership plans, worker cooperatives, and employee ownership trusts; and

(viii) Subject to the successful award of federal funding for this purpose, establish a revolving loan program to assist existing small businesses to finance a transition to employee ownership.

(b) Loans offered by the revolving loan program must be used to help facilitate the purchase of an interest in an employee stock ownership plan or worker-owned cooperative from the owner or owners of a qualified business, provided that:

(i) The transaction results in the employee stock ownership plan or worker cooperative holding a majority interest in the business, on a fully diluted basis; and

(ii) If used to assist in the purchase of an interest in an employee stock ownership plan, the employee stock ownership plan: (A) Has appointed an independent trustee; or (B) has, as a trustee, person, or entity, completed education on best practices for employee stock ownership plans.

(c) Loans financing the sale of an interest to a worker cooperative shall be extended based on repayment ability and shall not require a personal or entity guarantee. In meeting the requirement in (b) of this subsection, lending guidelines must be established for worker cooperatives not based on any personal or entity guarantees provided by the member owners or the selling business owner. These guidelines may include but are not limited to cash flow-based underwriting, character-based lending, and reliance on business assets.

(d) In order to support the revolving loan program, the director or the director's designee must apply for federal funding opportunities that:

(i) Support capitalization of state revolving loan programs; and

(ii) Support businesses that seek to transition to employee ownership.

(e) Amounts from the repayment of loans offered by the revolving loan program must be deposited in the employee ownership revolving loan program account established

in RCW 43.330.595.

(3) The director or the director's designee may contract with consultants, agents, or advisors necessary to further the purposes of this section.

(4) ((By)) <u>Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, by December 1st each year, the department must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on</u>

program activities and the number of employee-owned businesses and employee-owned trusts in the state, including recommendations for improvement and barriers for businesses considering employee ownership structures in Washington state. The first report must include rules and guidelines for the administration of the program, as established by the Washington employee ownership commission.

(5) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Employee-owned business" means:

(i) An employee cooperative established under chapter 23.78, 23.86, 23.100, or 24.06 RCW that has at least 50 percent of its board of directors consisting of, and elected by, its employees; or

(ii) An entity owned in whole or in part by employee stock ownership plans as defined

- in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 4975(e)(7).

  (b) "Qualified business" means a person subject to tax under Title 82 RCW, including but not limited to a C corporation, S corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, or other similar pass-through entity, that is not owned in whole or in part by an employee ownership trust, that does not have an employee stock ownership plan, or that is not, in whole or in part, a worker-owned cooperative.
- (6) Program support shall only be made available to businesses headquartered in Washington state. For the purposes of this section, "headquartered in Washington state" means that Washington state is its principal place of business or the state where it is incorporated.

(7) The director shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

(8) This section expires June 30, 2030.

**Sec. 3.** RCW 43.330.592 and 2023 c 392 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) ((The))Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington employee ownership commission is hereby created to exercise the powers in developing and supervising the program created in RCW 43.330.590.
  - (2) The commission shall consist of:
- (a) One member from each of the two major caucuses of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house and one member from each of the two major caucuses of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate. The initial term shall be two years; and
- (b) The following members appointed by the governor:
- (i) Five members who represent the private sector or professional organizations as follows:
- (A) One representative of a worker cooperative business. The initial term shall  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2$ be four years;
- (B) One representative of an employee stock ownership plan business. The initial term shall be four years;
- (C) One representative from a statewide business association. The initial term shall be two years;
- (D) One economic development expert, from the private sector, with employee ownership

knowledge and experience. The initial term shall be four years; and

- (E) One representative from a financial institution with expertise in assisting businesses transitioning into an employee ownership structure. The initial term shall be two years; and
- (ii) Two members who represent the public sector as follows:
- (A) One economic development expert, from the public sector. The initial term shall be four years; and
- One representative department of commerce, who will chair the first meeting prior to the election of the chair. The initial term shall be four years.
- (3) After the initial term of appointment, all members shall serve terms of four years and shall hold office until successors are appointed.
- (4) The commission shall be led by a air selected and voted on by members of the commission. The chair shall serve a oneyear term but may serve more than one term if selected to do so by members of the commission.
- (5) The commission shall develop, in consultation with the director, rules and guidelines to administer the program. Rules and guidelines for the administration of the program must be included in the first report the legislature required in 43.330.590.
- (6) Before making any appointments to the commission, the governor must seek nominations from recognized organizations that represent the entities or interests identified in this section. The governor must select appointees to represent private sector industries from a list of three nominations provided by the trade associations representing the industry, unless no names are put forth by the trade associations.
- (7) The commission shall conduct market research for the purposes of, or to support, a future application to the federal government for a program to assist in the purchase of an interest in an employee stock ownership plan qualifying under section 401 of the internal revenue code, worker cooperative, or related broad-based employee ownership vehicle.
- (8) For purposes of this section, a "professional organization" includes an entity whose members are engaged in a particular lawful vocation, occupation, or field of activity of a specialized nature including, but not limited to, associations, boards, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations.
  - (9) This section expires June 30, 2030.

**Sec. 4.** RCW 43.330.595 and 2023 c 392 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The employee ownership revolving loan program account is created in the custody of the state treasury. All transfers and appropriations by the legislature, repayments of loans, private contributions, and all other sources must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of the Washington employee ownership program created in RCW 43.330.590. Only the director

or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

(2) This section expires June 30, 2030."
On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 82.04.4488, 43.330.590, 43.330.592, and 43.330.595; and providing expiration dates."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

#### SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2047 and advanced the bill, as amended by the Senate, to final passage.

Representative Richards spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Schmidt spoke against the passage of the bill.

## FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2047, as amended by the Senate.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2047, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 58; Nays, 40; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Cortes, Davis, Donaghy, Duerr, Dufault, Engell, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Doglio, Dye, Eslick, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Orcutt, Parshley, Penner, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Stuebe, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2047, as amended by the Senate, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed HOUSE BILL NO. 2050, with the following amendment(s): 2050 AMS WM S3355.1

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 28A.500.015 and 2022 c 108 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Beginning in calendar year 2020 and thereafter, the state each calendar year must provide state local effort assistance supplement funding to school district enrichment levies as provided this section.
- (2)(a) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment levy rate that is than ((one dollar and fifty less cents)) ((thousand dollars))\$1,000 per assessed value in the school district, the annual local effort assistance funding equal to the school district's maximum local effort assistance multiplied by a fraction district's equal the school to enrichment levy rate divided by ((one dollar fifty <del>cents</del>))<u>\$1.50</u> ((thousand per dollars))\$1,000 of assessed value school district.
- (b) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment levy rate that is equal to or greater than ((ene dollar and fifty cents)) \$1.50 per ((thousand dollars)) \$1.000 of assessed value in the school district, the annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school district's maximum local effort assistance.
- (c) Beginning in calendar year 2022, for education state-tribal schools compact established under chapter 28A.715 RCW, local effort assistance funding is annual actual enrichment to the levy student as calculated by the superintendent of public instruction for the previous year for the school district in which the state-tribal education compact school is located, up to a maximum per student amount of ((one hundred fifty dollars)) \$1,550 thousand five increased by inflation from the calendar year, multiplied by the student enrollment of the state-tribal education compact school in the prior school year.
- (3) The state local effort assistance funding provided under this section is not part of the state's program of basic education deemed by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX, section 1 of the state Constitution.
- (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- "Eligible school district" district where the amount generated school by a levy of ((one dollar and fifty cents)) \$1.50 per ((thousand dollars))\$1,000 assessed value in the school district, by the school district's student enrollment in the prior school year, less than the state local effort assistance threshold.
- (b) ((For the purpose of this section, "inflation")) "Inflation" means, for any school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers, Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor.
- (c) "Maximum local effort assistance"
  means the difference between the following:
- (i) The school district's actual prior school year enrollment multiplied by the state local effort assistance threshold; and
- (ii) The amount generated by a levy of ((one dollar and fifty cents)) \$1.50 per

 $((\frac{\text{thousand dollars}}))\frac{1,000}{\text{of assessed value}}$  of assessed value in the school district.

- (d) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which the state local effort assistance funding is to be distributed(( $\tau$  except as follows:
- (i) In the 2022 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school district's 2020-21 school year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year.
- (ii) In the 2023 calendar year, if 2019-20 school year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment is greater than the school district's 2021-22 school year average annual full-time equivalent enrollment, "prior school year" means the 2019-20 school year)).
- (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means ((one thousand five hundred fifty dollars))\$1,550 per student, increased for inflation beginning in calendar year 2020.
- enrollment" (f) "Student means the average annual full-time equivalent student enrollment, reduced by the alternative learning experience adjustment. Alternative <u>learning experience adjustment equals</u> this subsection minus (f)(ii) subsection if a school district's full-time <u>equivalent student enrollment in alternative</u> <u>learning experience courses exceeds</u> full-time annual percent of average equivalent student enrollment.
- (i) The full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative learning experience course.
- (ii) Average annual full-time equivalent student enrollment multiplied by 33 percent.
- (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under this section.
- (6) For school districts participating in an innovation academy cooperative established under RCW 28A.340.080, enrollments of students attending the academy shall be adjusted so that each participant district receives its proportional share of student enrollments for purposes of funding under this section.

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "efficiencies;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.500.015; and providing an effective date."

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

#### SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

There being no objection, the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2050 and advanced the bill, as amended by the Senate, to final passage.

Representative Gregerson spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Couture spoke against the passage of the bill.

# FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL AS SENATE AMENDED

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the final passage of House Bill No. 2050, as amended by the Senate.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 2050, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 56; Nays, 42; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Shavers, Simmons, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Bernbaum, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dufault, Dye, Engell, Eslick, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, McEntire, Mendoza, Orcutt, Paul, Penner, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Scott, Steele, Stokesbary, Stuebe, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

HOUSE BILL NO. 2050, as amended by the Senate, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

#### SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bill:

#### ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2081

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 27, 2025, the 105th Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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