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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2476**

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**By** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Mulliken, Stevens, Beeksma, Cooke and Goldsmith)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a determination of paternity for  
2 receiving certain benefits; adding a new section to chapter 74.12 RCW;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An applicant for or recipient of aid to families with dependent  
8 children shall assist the office of support enforcement in determining  
9 the paternity of all children in the assistance unit. This shall  
10 include, but not be limited to, providing the office with relevant  
11 information reasonably known to, possessed by, or obtainable by the  
12 applicant or recipient about the absent parent. If an applicant or  
13 recipient is unsure of the paternity of the child or children, she  
14 shall provide the names of males who are most likely the father of the  
15 child or children.

16 (2) The department shall establish good cause exemptions to the  
17 requirements of this section that are consistent with federal good  
18 cause exemptions.

1           (3) Failure to cooperate with the office of support enforcement  
2 shall result in the termination of the adult caretaker's portion of the  
3 grant.

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support  
6 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall  
7 take effect immediately.

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