

2 **HB 1144** - H AMD 0081 Withdrawn 2-19-02

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.08A.270 and 1997 c 58 s 314 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst
10 program components include(~~(1)~~) situations where the recipient is
11 a parent or other relative personally providing care for a child under
12 the age of six years, and formal or informal child care, or day care
13 for an incapacitated individual living in the same home as a dependent
14 child, is necessary for an individual to participate or continue
15 participation in the program or accept employment, and such care is not
16 available, and the department fails to provide such care(~~(1) or (2)~~
17 ~~until June 30, 1999, if the recipient is a parent with a child under~~
18 ~~the age of one year)~~). A good cause reason for not seeking or taking
19 employment exists if a recipient is a parent with a child under the age
20 of one. A recipient with a child under the age of one is required to
21 participate in one or more of the following:

22 (a) Instruction or training that has the purpose of improving
23 parenting skills or child well-being;

24 (b) Preemployment or job readiness training; or

25 (c) Course study leading to a high school diploma or GED.

26 (2) This section does not prevent a recipient from participating
27 fully in the WorkFirst program on a voluntary basis.

28 (3) For any recipient who claims a good cause reason to not seek or
29 take employment based on the fact that the recipient has a child under
30 the age of one, the department shall conduct an assessment of the
31 recipient within ninety days to determine if the recipient has any
32 specific service needs or employment barriers. The assessment may
33 include identifying the need for substance abuse treatment, mental
34 health treatment, or domestic violence services.

35 (4) A parent may only receive this exemption for a total of twelve
36 months, which may be consecutive or nonconsecutive(~~(1) or (3)~~ after June

1 ~~30, 1999, if the recipient is a parent with a child under three months~~
2 ~~of age))."~~

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6 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2 of the title, strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 74.08A.270."

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