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AN ACT Relating to the Washington student loan program; amending RCW 28B.93.005, 28B.93.010, 28B.93.020, 28B.93.030, 28B.93.040, 28B.93.050, 28B.93.060, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

7 Sec. 1. RCW 28B.93.005 and 2022 c 206 s 1 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that college students continue to borrow in order to fund their higher education, despite an increase 10 11 in access to state financial aid. In Washington state, estimates for 12 the number of borrowers carrying student loan debt are around 800,000 13 with an average balance around \$33,500, resulting in a total 14 outstanding balance of \$29.4 billion. Student loan debt outpaces other sources of consumer debt, such as credit card and vehicle debt. 15 16 While research shows that earning a postsecondary credential 17 positively impacts a person's earning potential, high student loan debt erodes much of this benefit. 18

19 (2) The legislature recognizes that people with student loan debt 20 are less likely to get married and start a family, establish small 21 businesses, and buy homes. High student loan debt negatively impacts

1 a person's credit score and their debt-to-income ratio, which impacts 2 their ability to qualify for a mortgage. However, student loan debt 3 does not impact all borrowers the same.

(3) Student loan borrowers who struggle the most are typically 4 lower income, first generation, and students of color. Data from the 5 6 national center for education statistics of a 12-year longitudinal study based on students who began their education in the 2003-04 7 academic year found the following for students who defaulted: Almost 8 90 percent had received a Pell grant at one point; 70 percent were 9 first generation college students; 40 percent were in the bottom 10 quarter of income distribution; and 30 percent were African American. 11

12 (4) The legislature recognizes though that student loans are beneficial for students who have no other way to pay for college or 13 have expenses beyond tuition and fees. Student loans can open up 14 15 postsecondary education opportunities for many and help boost the state's economy by increasing the number of qualified graduates to 16 17 fulfill workforce shortages. However, the legislature finds that high interest rates that accumulate while the student is in college 18 negatively impact the student's ability to prosper financially and 19 contribute to the state's economy after graduation. The legislature 20 21 also recognizes that there is very little financial aid available to assist students pursuing graduate studies, despite the state's high 22 23 demand for qualified professionals in fields with workforce shortages such as behavioral health, nursing, software development, teaching, 24 25 and more. Therefore, the legislature intends to support students pursuing higher education by establishing a state student loan 26 program that is more affordable than direct federal student loans and 27 28 private loans. The legislature intends to offer student loans to state residents with financial need who are pursuing ((undergraduate 29 30 and)) high-demand graduate studies at a subsidized((, one percent)) 31 interest rate not to exceed 2.5 percent. The legislature intends for 32 the Washington state student loan program to align with the Washington college grant program, recognizing that student loans are 33 secondary forms of financial aid that often cover expenses beyond 34 tuition. ((Based on the feasibility of the state student loan program 35 recommendations developed by the Washington student achievement 36 37 council, in consultation with the Washington state investment board, and the office of the state treasurer, the legislature intends to 38 39 finance the Washington state student loan program with a one-time 40 \$150,000,000 appropriation to cover annual student loan originations

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1 and expenses until repayments are substantial enough to support the 2 program on an ongoing basis.))

3 Sec. 2. RCW 28B.93.010 and 2022 c 206 s 2 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter 6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a8 student loan under the Washington student loan program.

9 (2) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with 10 the costs of acquiring a postsecondary education such as tuition, 11 fees, books, equipment, room and board, and other expenses as 12 determined by the office.

(3) "Eligible graduate program" means an advanced academic degree
in a specialized field of study that has a workforce shortage or is
considered high demand <u>including</u>, but not limited to, professions in
<u>health care</u>, <u>behavioral and mental health</u>, <u>early education</u>, <u>K-12</u>,
<u>higher education</u>, <u>law enforcement</u>, <u>public safety</u>, <u>and others</u>, as
determined by the office.

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(4) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(a) Meets the definition of "resident student" under RCW
28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e);

(b) Has a median family income of 100 percent or less of the state median family income;

(c) Is enrolled in an institution of higher education in an eligible ((undergraduate or)) graduate program on at least a halftime basis; and

(d) Has completed an annual application for financial aid asapproved by the office.

29 (5) (("Eligible undergraduate program" means a postsecondary 30 education program that leads to a certificate, associate's degree, or 31 bachelor's degree.

32 (6)) "Gift aid" means federal, state, institutional, or private 33 financial aid provided for educational purposes with no obligation of 34 repayment. "Gift aid" does not include student loans or work-study 35 programs.

36 (((7))) <u>(6)</u> "Institutions of higher education" includes 37 institutions of higher education authorized to participate in state 38 financial aid programs in accordance with chapter 28B.92 RCW. 1 ((((8))) <u>(7)</u> "Office" means the office of student financial assistance established under chapter 28B.76 RCW. 2

((((9))) <u>(8)</u> "Program" means the Washington student loan program.

(((10))) (9) "Student loan" means a loan that is approved by the 4 office and awarded to an eligible student to pay for eligible 5 6 expenses.

7 Sec. 3. RCW 28B.93.020 and 2022 c 206 s 3 are each amended to read as follows: 8

(1) The Washington student achievement council, in consultation 9 with the office of the state treasurer and the state investment 10 board($(\frac{1}{1})$)_L shall design a student loan program to assist students 11 12 who need additional financial support to obtain postsecondary 13 education.

(2) At a minimum, the program design must make recommendations 14 15 about the following features of a state student loan program and implementation plan: 16

(a) A low interest rate that is below current federal subsidized 17 student loan interest rates((, with one option being a one)) not to 18 19 exceed 2.5 percent ((interest rate));

20 (b) ((The distribution of loans between graduate students and 21 undergraduate students;

22 (c))) The terms of the loans, including:

(i) Loan limits not to exceed \$20,000 annually per borrower;

24 (ii) Grace periods, including grace periods for active duty 25 members of the national guard who may lose eligibility when being 26 called up for active duty; and

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(iii) Minimum postsecondary enrollment standards;

28 ((((d))) (c) The terms and administration of a repayment program, 29 including:

30 (i) Repayment options such as standard loan repayment contracts and the length of the repayment contracts, which shall not exceed 25 31 32 years;

(ii) Income-based repayment plans; and 33

34 (iii) Terms of loan forgiveness;

35 (((e))) <u>(d)</u> The types and characteristics of borrowers permitted to participate in the program including family income, degree and 36 37 credential types, and other borrower characteristics. The program must prioritize low-income borrowers; and 38

 $\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$ (e) The design and administration of an appeals process. 39

1 (3) In the design of the program, the Washington student achievement council may recommend contracting with one or more state-2 based financial institutions regulated by either chapter 31.12 or 3 30A.04 RCW to provide loan origination and may contract with a third-4 party entity to provide loan servicing for the 5 program. The 6 Washington student achievement council must use an open and competitive bid process in the selection of one or more ((state-7 based)) financial institutions for loan origination and servicing for 8 the program. A third-party entity providing loan servicing shall 9 comply with all of the requirements for student education loan 10 11 servicers under chapter 31.04 RCW.

12 (4) The Washington student achievement council ((shall contract 13 with an independent actuary to conduct an analysis on the 14 sustainability of the program design, including the ability of the 15 program to operate as self-sustaining if issuing one percent interest 16 rate loans)) may retain a consultant to design a loan program, 17 including one or more financial advisors, to provide consultation on 18 the sustainability of the loan program.

19 (5) The Washington student achievement council shall provide a 20 report on the design, sustainability, and implementation plan for the 21 program to the governor and the higher education committees of the 22 legislature by December 1, ((2022)) 2023, in accordance with RCW 23 43.01.036.

24 Sec. 4. RCW 28B.93.030 and 2022 c 206 s 4 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

(1) The Washington student loan program is created to assist
 students who need additional financial support to obtain
 postsecondary education. Beginning in the ((2024-25)) 2025-26
 academic year, the office may award student loans under the program
 to eligible students from the funds available in RCW 28B.93.060.

31 (2) The program shall be administered by the office. To the 32 extent practicable, the program design must include the recommendations for program design as provided in the report required 33 under RCW 28B.93.020((. Student loans shall not be issued unless the 34 program design recommended in RCW 28B.93.020 is forecasted by an 35 independent actuary to be self-sustaining and the interest rates for 36 the loans issued under the program do not exceed one percent)), 37 38 including that the Washington student loan account have a minimum

1 life cycle of seven years and that loans issued under the program do

2 <u>not exceed 2.5 percent</u>.

3 (3) The office is responsible for providing administrative
4 support to execute the duties and responsibilities provided in this
5 chapter. The duties and responsibilities include:

6 (a) Ensure institutions of higher education have a policy for 7 awarding student loans under the program that prioritizes funding for eligible students who have greater unmet financial need, are lowest 8 first generation college students, ((and)) 9 income, are are demographically underrepresented, do not qualify for federally funded 10 student financial aid, or who have received loans under the program 11 12 in prior years;

13 (b) Issue low-interest student loans <u>not to exceed 2.5 percent</u>, 14 <u>of which interest accrues during all periods except when enrolled in</u> 15 <u>an eligible graduate degree program</u>;

16 (c) Define the terms of repayment, which shall not exceed 25 17 years in length unless provided for under (f) of this subsection;

(d) Collect and manage repayments from borrowers;

19 (e) Establish an appeals process;

20 (f) Exercise discretion to revise repayment obligations in 21 certain cases, such as economic hardship or disability;

22 (g) Publicize the program; and

23 (h) Adopt necessary rules.

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(4) The office is responsible for establishing and administering
 an appeals process that resolves appeals from borrowers within ninety
 days of receipt.

27 Sec. 5. RCW 28B.93.040 and 2022 c 206 s 5 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

The office ((shall)) may contract with one or more state-based financial institutions regulated by either chapter 31.12 RCW or chapter 30A.04 RCW to provide loan origination and may contract with a third-party entity to provide loan servicing for the program. A third-party entity providing loan servicing shall comply with all of the requirements for student education loan servicers under chapter 31.04 RCW.

36 Sec. 6. RCW 28B.93.050 and 2022 c 206 s 6 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

- 1 (1) The office shall collect data on the program in collaboration 2 with the institutions of higher education. The data must include, but is not limited to: 3
- (a) The number of eligible students who were awarded a student 4 loan; 5
- 6 (b) The number of borrowers;
- 7 (c) The average borrowed annual and total balances;
- (d) Borrower demographics; 8

(e) The institutions of higher education and educational fields 9 of borrowers; ((and)) 10

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(f) <u>Postgraduation employment data;</u>

12 (g) Time to degree completion; and

13 (h) Repayment statistics, including:

14 (i) The number of borrowers in active repayment, deferment, delinquency, forbearance, and default; 15

16 (ii) The average time it took for borrowers to enter delinquency 17 and default;

(iii) Demographic and educational data of borrowers enrolled in 18 the income-based repayment plan option; 19

(iv) Demographic and educational data of borrowers in different 20 21 repayment statuses, including delinguency and default; and

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(v) Information about what happened to borrowers who defaulted.

23 (2) Beginning December 1, ((2026)) <u>2027</u>, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the office must submit an annual report on the data 24 25 collected under subsection (1) of this section and any other relevant 26 information regarding the program to the higher education committees of the legislature. 27

28 Sec. 7. RCW 28B.93.060 and 2022 c 206 s 7 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

(1) The Washington student loan account is created in the 30 31 ((custody of the state treasurer)) state treasury. All receipts from the Washington student loan program must be deposited in the account. 32 Expenditures from the account may be used only for administration and 33 the issuance of new student loans. ((Only the executive director of 34 the Washington student achievement council or the executive 35 director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The 36 37 account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 38 RCW, moneys)) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. 39

1 (2)(a) The legislature may appropriate no more than a total of 2 \$40,000,000 for the program during four consecutive fiscal years, 3 beginning with the first fiscal year from which loans are issued from 4 the account. In the fifth fiscal year following the fiscal year in 5 which the first student loan was issued, the legislature may 6 appropriate up to \$10,000,000 for the program.

7 (b) The legislature may appropriate moneys from the account for 8 the administrative and implementation costs of the program in the 9 fiscal years prior to the first fiscal year in which loans are issued 10 from the account.

Sec. 8. RCW 43.79A.040 and 2022 c 244 s 3, 2022 c 206 s 8, 2022 c 183 s 16, and 2022 c 162 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

(2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be known as the investment income account.

22 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds 23 24 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state 25 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to 26 27 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to 28 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section. 29

30 (4) (a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings 31 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund 32 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

33 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their 34 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's 35 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the 36 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial 37 legislative page scholarship account, the Rosa Franklin legislative 38 internship program scholarship account, the Washington advanced 39 college tuition payment program account, the Washington college

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1 savings program account, the accessible communities account, the Washington achieving a better life experience program account, the 2 3 Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program account, the community and technical college innovation account, the 4 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment 5 6 fund, the behavioral health loan repayment program account, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed 7 scholarship trust fund, the contract harvesting revolving account, 8 the Washington state combined fund drive account, the commemorative 9 works account, the county enhanced 911 excise tax account, the county 10 11 road administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection 12 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the energy facility site evaluation council account, 13 the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance account, the 14 fish and wildlife federal lands revolving account, the natural 15 account, the food 16 resources federal lands revolving animal 17 veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the forest health 18 revolving account, the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the 19 educator conditional scholarship account, the game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math and science scholarship account, the 20 21 Washington global health technologies and product development 22 account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day fund, the juvenile 23 accountability incentive account, the law enforcement officers' and 24 25 firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism promotion account, the low-income home rehabilitation revolving loan program 26 27 account, the multiagency permitting team account, the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account, the produce railcar 28 29 pool account, the public use general aviation airport loan revolving account, the regional transportation investment district account, the 30 31 rural rehabilitation account, the Washington sexual assault kit 32 account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the 33 children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission 34 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the 35 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the 36 individual development account program account, the Washington horse 37 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery 38 39 fund, the Washington state library-archives building account, the 40 reduced cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for deaf

and hard of hearing youth account, the school for the blind account, 1 the Millersylvania park trust fund, the public employees' and 2 3 retirees' insurance reserve fund, the school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, the public employees' and retirees' 4 insurance account, the school employees' insurance account, the long-5 6 term services and supports trust account, the radiation perpetual maintenance fund, the Indian health improvement reinvestment account, 7 the department of licensing tuition recovery trust fund, the student 8 achievement council tuition recovery trust fund, the tuition recovery 9 trust fund, ((the Washington student loan account,)) the industrial 10 insurance premium refund account, the mobile home park relocation 11 12 fund, the natural resources deposit fund, the Washington state health insurance pool account, the federal forest revolving account, and the 13 14 library operations account.

15 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive 80 percent of 16 their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or 17 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advance right-of-way 18 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving 19 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high 20 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account, 21 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

(d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

32 Sec. 9. RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 403 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

34 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state 35 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which 36 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

37 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or 38 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the 39 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income

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1 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest 2 3 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management 4 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require 5 6 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash 7 management improvement act. The office of financial management may 8 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to 9 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and 10 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the 11 12 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section. 13

14 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury 15 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking 16 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, 17 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state 18 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is 19 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur 20 21 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 22 section.

(4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:

27 The following accounts and funds shall receive their (a) proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 28 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational 29 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way 30 31 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund, 32 the brownfield redevelopment trust fund account, the budget 33 stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the Central Washington 34 University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, 35 penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis basin 36 account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the cleanup settlement 37 account, the climate active transportation account, the climate 38 39 transit programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply 40 development account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water

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1 supply development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school construction fund, the 2 community forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, 3 the county arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice 4 assistance account, the deferred compensation administrative account, 5 6 the deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems 7 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services 8 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water 9 assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking 10 11 water assistance account, the early learning facilities development 12 account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University capital projects account, the education 13 construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election 14 account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account, 15 16 the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance 17 account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the 18 19 fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the 20 21 grade crossing protective fund, the public health services account, 22 the state higher education construction account, the higher education 23 construction account, the higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the Washington student loan account, the 24 25 highway bond retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the 26 highway safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll lanes account, 27 28 the judges' retirement account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal account, 29 the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold excise tax 30 31 account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales 32 and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement savings 33 administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings 34 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety 35 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA 36 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse 37 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance 38 39 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance 40

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account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance 1 agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public 2 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees' 3 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public 4 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health 5 6 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget 7 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound 8 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission 9 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility 10 11 grant program account, the resource management cost account, the 12 rural arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan fund, the sexual assault 13 prevention and response account, the site closure account, the 14 skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city 15 16 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the 17 special wildlife account, the state investment board expense account, 18 the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the 19 state route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route 20 21 number 520 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the 22 statewide tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' 23 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system 24 25 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement account, the toll facility 26 bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel 27 account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation 28 29 future funding program account, the transportation improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement 30 31 account, the transportation infrastructure account, the 32 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the 33 University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup 34 account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and 35 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve 36 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education 37 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the 38 39 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 40 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and

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1 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school 2 3 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State 4 University building account, the Washington State University bond 5 6 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western 7 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated 8 implementation account, the Yakima 9 plan integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated 10 11 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from 12 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, 13 the scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund 14 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts. 15

(b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.

(5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

25 Sec. 10. RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 404 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

(1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

30 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or 31 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the 32 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no 33 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest 34 35 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management 36 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require 37 38 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash 39

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1 management improvement act. The office of financial management may 2 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to 3 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and 4 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the 5 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 6 section.

(3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury 7 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking 8 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, 9 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state 10 11 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is 12 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur 13 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 14 15 section.

16 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings 17 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall 18 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the 19 treasury income account except:

The following accounts and funds shall receive their 20 (a) proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 21 22 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational 23 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project account, the brownfield redevelopment 24 25 trust fund account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction 26 account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, 27 28 the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions 29 account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the cleanup settlement account, the climate active 30 31 transportation account, the climate transit programs account, the 32 Columbia river basin water supply development account, the Columbia 33 river basin taxable bond water supply development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue recovery account, the 34 common school construction fund, the community forest trust account, 35 the connecting Washington account, the county arterial preservation 36 account, the county criminal justice assistance account, the deferred 37 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation 38 39 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the 40 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental

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1 disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water assistance account, the administrative 2 3 subaccount of the drinking water assistance account, the early learning facilities development account, the 4 early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University 5 6 capital projects account, the education construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election account, the electric 7 vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery act 8 account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State 9 College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account, 10 the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation 11 12 account, the freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the 13 public health services account, the state education 14 higher construction account, the higher education construction account, the 15 16 higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the Washington student loan account, the highway bond retirement fund, 17 18 the highway infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the Interstate 405 and state 19 route number 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement 20 21 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial 22 retirement principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account, 23 the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine 24 25 resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the 26 money-purchase retirement savings administrative account, the moneypurchase retirement savings principal account, the motor vehicle 27 28 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move ahead WA 29 account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the 30 31 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve 32 land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account, 33 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank 34 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1 35 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 36 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving 37 account, the public health supplemental account, the public works 38 39 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the 40 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway

1 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational 2 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the 3 resource management cost account, the rural arterial trust account, 4 the rural mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan 5 6 fund, the sexual assault prevention and response account, the site closure account, the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, 7 the small city pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C 8 account, the special wildlife account, the state investment board 9 expense account, the state investment board commingled trust fund 10 11 accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state reclamation 12 revolving account, the state route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the statewide 13 broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account, the 14 supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, 15 16 the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' 17 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement account, the 18 19 toll facility bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the 20 transportation future funding program account, the transportation 21 22 improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the transportation infrastructure account, the 23 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain 24 injury 25 account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup 26 account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and 27 28 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education 29 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the 30 31 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 32 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public 33 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school 34 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the 35 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State 36 University building account, the Washington State University bond 37 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration 38 39 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western 40 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated

implementation account, the Yakima integrated 1 plan plan implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated 2 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from 3 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal 4 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the 5 6 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund 7 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

8 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts 9 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury 10 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury 11 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall 12 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's 13 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

14 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state 15 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated 16 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 11. Section 9 of this act expires July 1, 18 2024.

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 12. Section 10 of this act takes effect July 20 1, 2024.

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