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1 AN ACT Relating to furthering digital equity and opportunity in
2 Washington; amending RCW 43.330.532, 43.330.534, 43.330.539,
3 43.330.5393, 43.330.5395, 43.330.412, 28A.650.065, and 43.060.010;
4 reenacting and amending RCW 43.330.530; adding a new section to
5 chapter 43.06D RCW; creating a new section; and recodifying RCW
6 43.330.539 and 43.330.5395.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.530 and 2022 c 265 s 301 and 2022 c 237 s 2
9 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 The definitions in this section apply throughout this section and
11 RCW 43.330.532 through ((43.330.538,)) 43.330.5393 and 43.330.412((~~7~~
12 ~~43.330.5393, and 43.330.5395~~)) unless the context clearly requires
13 otherwise.

14 (1)(a) "Advanced telecommunications capability" means, without
15 regard to any transmission media or technology, high-speed, switched,
16 broadband telecommunications capability that enables users to
17 originate and receive high quality voice, data, graphics, and video
18 telecommunications using any technology.

19 (b) "Advanced telecommunications capability" does not include
20 access to a technology that delivers transmission speeds below the

1 minimum download and upload speeds provided in the definition of
2 broadband in this section.

3 (2) "Aging individual" means an individual 55 years of age or
4 older.

5 (3) "Board" means the public works board established in RCW
6 43.155.030.

7 (4) "Broadband" or "broadband service" means any service
8 providing advanced telecommunications capability and internet access
9 with transmission speeds that, at a minimum, provide 100 megabits per
10 second download and 20 megabits per second upload.

11 (5) "Broadband adoption" means the process by which an individual
12 obtains daily access and ability to use the internet:

13 (a) At a speed, quality, price, and capacity necessary for the
14 individual to accomplish common tasks, such that the access qualifies
15 as an advanced telecommunications capability;

16 (b) Providing individuals with the digital skills necessary to
17 participate fully and safely online;

18 (c) On a device connected to the internet and other advanced
19 telecommunications services via a secure and convenient network, with
20 associated end-user broadband infrastructure equipment such as wifi
21 mesh router or repeaters to enable the device to adequately use the
22 internet network; and

23 (d) With technical support and digital navigation assistance to
24 enable continuity of service and equipment use and utilization.

25 (6) "Broadband infrastructure" means networks of deployed
26 telecommunications equipment and technologies necessary to provide
27 high-speed internet access and other advanced telecommunications
28 services to end users.

29 (7) "Community anchor institution" means a public school, a
30 public housing authority, a library, a medical or health care
31 provider, a community college or other institution of higher
32 education, a state library agency, or other nonprofit or governmental
33 community support organization for purposes of broadband connectivity
34 or facilitating use of broadband service by underserved populations.

35 (8) "Department" means the department of commerce.

36 ((+8)) (9) "Digital equity" means the condition in which
37 individuals and communities in Washington have the information
38 technology capacity that is needed for full participation in society,
39 democracy, and the economy.

1 ~~((9))~~ (10)(a) "Digital inclusion" means the activities that are
2 necessary to ensure that all individuals in Washington have access
3 to, and the use of, affordable information and communication
4 technologies including, but not limited to:

5 (i) Reliable broadband internet service;

6 (ii) Internet-enabled devices that meet the needs of the user;
7 and

8 (iii) Applications and online content designed to enable and
9 encourage self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration.

10 (b) "Digital inclusion" also includes obtaining access to digital
11 literacy training, the provision of quality technical support, and
12 obtaining basic awareness of measures to ensure online privacy and
13 cybersecurity.

14 ~~((10))~~ (11) "Digital literacy" means the skills associated with
15 using technology to enable users to use information and
16 communications technologies to find, evaluate, organize, create, and
17 communicate information.

18 ~~((11))~~ (12) "Last mile infrastructure" means broadband
19 infrastructure that serves as the final connection from a broadband
20 service provider's network to the end-use customer's on-premises
21 telecommunications equipment.

22 ~~((12))~~ (13) "Local government" includes cities, towns,
23 counties, municipal corporations, public port districts, public
24 utility districts, quasi-municipal corporations, special purpose
25 districts, and multiparty entities comprised of public entity
26 members.

27 ~~((13))~~ (14) "Low-income" means households ~~((as defined by the~~
28 ~~department of social and health services, provided that the~~
29 ~~definition may not exceed the higher of 80 percent of area median~~
30 ~~household income or))~~ with a household income that does not exceed
31 200 percent of the federal poverty level or that does not exceed the
32 self-sufficiency standard as determined by the University of
33 Washington's self-sufficiency calculator.

34 ~~((14))~~ (15) "Middle mile infrastructure" means broadband
35 infrastructure that links a broadband service provider's core network
36 infrastructure to last mile infrastructure.

37 ~~((15))~~ (16) "Office" means the governor's statewide broadband
38 office established in RCW 43.330.532.

39 ~~((16))~~ (17) "Tribe" means any federally recognized Indian tribe
40 whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington.

1 ~~((17))~~ (18) "Underserved population" means any of the
2 following:

- 3 (a) Individuals who live in low-income households;
- 4 (b) Aging individuals;
- 5 (c) Incarcerated individuals;
- 6 (d) Veterans;
- 7 (e) Individuals with disabilities;
- 8 (f) Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals
9 who are English learners or who have low levels of literacy;
- 10 (g) Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority
11 group;
- 12 (h) Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area;
- 13 (i) ~~((Children and youth))~~ Dependents in foster care; or
- 14 (j) Individuals experiencing housing instability.

15 ~~((18))~~ (19) "Unserved areas" means areas of Washington in which
16 households and businesses lack access to adequate, reliable, and
17 affordable broadband service, as defined by the office.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.532 and 2022 c 265 s 302 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The governor's statewide broadband office is established. The
21 director of the office must be appointed by the governor. The office
22 may employ staff necessary to carry out the office's duties as
23 prescribed by chapter 365, Laws of 2019, subject to the availability
24 of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose.

25 (2) The purpose of the office is to encourage, foster, develop,
26 and improve affordable, quality broadband and broadband adoption and
27 digital equity within the state in order to:

28 (a) Drive job creation, promote innovation, improve economic
29 vitality, and expand markets for Washington businesses;

30 (b) Serve the ongoing and growing needs of Washington's education
31 systems, health care systems, public safety systems, transportation
32 systems, industries and business, governmental operations, and
33 citizens; and

34 (c) Improve broadband accessibility and adoption for unserved and
35 underserved communities and populations.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.330.534 and 2022 c 265 s 303 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) The office has the power and duty to:

1 (a) Serve as the central broadband planning body for the state of
2 Washington;

3 (b) Coordinate with relevant state agencies, local governments,
4 tribes, public and private entities, public housing agencies,
5 community anchor institutions, nonprofit organizations, and consumer-
6 owned and investor-owned utilities to develop strategies and plans
7 promoting deployment of broadband infrastructure and greater
8 broadband access and broadband adoption, while protecting proprietary
9 information;

10 (c) Review existing broadband initiatives, policies, and public
11 and private investments;

12 (d) Develop, recommend, and implement a statewide plan to
13 encourage cost-effective broadband access and to make recommendations
14 for increased usage, particularly in rural and other unserved areas;

15 (e) Update the state's broadband goals and definitions for
16 broadband service in unserved areas as technology advances, except
17 that the state's definition for broadband service may not be actual
18 speeds less than (~~twenty-five~~) 100 megabits per second download and
19 (~~three~~) 20 megabits per second upload; and

20 (f) Encourage public-private partnerships to increase deployment
21 and adoption of broadband services and applications.

22 (2) When developing plans or strategies for broadband deployment,
23 the office must consider:

24 (a) Partnerships between communities, tribes, nonprofit
25 organizations, local governments, consumer-owned and investor-owned
26 utilities, and public and private entities;

27 (b) Funding opportunities that provide for the coordination of
28 public, private, state, and federal funds for the purposes of making
29 broadband infrastructure or broadband services available to rural and
30 unserved areas of the state;

31 (c) Barriers to the deployment, adoption, and utilization of
32 broadband service, including affordability of service and project
33 coordination logistics; and

34 (d) Requiring minimum broadband service of (~~twenty-five~~) 100
35 megabits per second download and (~~three~~) 20 megabits per second
36 upload speed, that is scalable to faster service.

37 (3) The office may assist applicants for the grant and loan
38 program created in RCW 43.155.160, the digital equity opportunity
39 program created in RCW 43.330.412, and the digital equity planning
40 grant program created in RCW 43.330.5393 with seeking federal funding

1 or matching grants and other grant opportunities for deploying or
2 increasing adoption of broadband services.

3 (4) The office may take all appropriate steps to seek and apply
4 for federal funds for which the office is eligible, and other grants,
5 and accept donations, and must deposit these funds in the statewide
6 broadband account created in RCW 43.155.165.

7 ~~(5) ((The office shall coordinate an outreach effort to hard-to-~~
8 ~~reach communities and low-income communities across the state to~~
9 ~~provide information about broadband programs available to consumers~~
10 ~~of these communities. The outreach effort must include, but is not~~
11 ~~limited to, providing information to applicable communities about the~~
12 ~~federal lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit~~
13 ~~programs. The outreach effort must be reviewed by the office of~~
14 ~~equity annually. The office may contract with other public or private~~
15 ~~entities to conduct outreach to communities as provided under this~~
16 ~~subsection.~~

17 ~~(6))~~ In carrying out its purpose, the office ((may)) must
18 collaborate with federally recognized tribes and all relevant state
19 agencies including, but not limited to, the utilities and
20 transportation commission, ~~((the office of the chief information~~
21 ~~officer,))~~ the department of commerce, the community economic
22 revitalization board, the department of transportation, the public
23 works board, the state librarian, ~~((and all other relevant state~~
24 ~~agencies))~~ the Washington state office of equity, the office of the
25 superintendent of public instruction, and the consolidated technology
26 services agency. As a part of this collaboration, the office must
27 provide data to the Washington state office of equity regarding
28 broadband adoption and digital equity programs administered by the
29 office to assist the Washington state office of equity in monitoring
30 the implementation of a state digital equity plan in accordance with
31 section 4 of this act.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.330.539 and 2022 c 265 s 201 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The office shall coordinate an outreach effort to hard-to-
35 reach communities and low-income communities across the state to
36 provide information about broadband and digital equity programs
37 available to consumers of these communities and assist consumers in
38 enrolling in these programs. The outreach effort must include, but is
39 not limited to, providing information to applicable communities about

1 the federal lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit
2 programs. The outreach effort must be reviewed by the office
3 annually. The office may coordinate or contract with other public or
4 private entities to conduct outreach to communities and assist
5 consumers in program enrollment as provided under this subsection.

6 (2) The office, in consultation with the digital equity forum,
7 the utilities and transportation commission, ((and)) the statewide
8 broadband office, the department of social and health services, and
9 other relevant state agencies, must develop and monitor
10 implementation of a state digital equity plan.

11 ((The office must seek any available federal funding for
12 purposes of developing and implementing the state digital equity
13 plan.)) The development of the state digital equity plan must build
14 upon the progress made by the statewide broadband office in
15 developing a state digital equity plan.

16 (b) The state digital equity plan must include such elements as
17 the office determines are necessary to leverage federal funding.

18 ((2)) (3) In developing the plan, the office must identify
19 measurable objectives for documenting and promoting digital equity
20 among underserved communities located in the state.

21 ((3)) (4) By December 1, ((2023)) 2024, the office must submit
22 a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
23 legislature, including the following:

24 (a) The digital equity plan described in subsection ((1)) (2)
25 of this section and measurable objectives described in subsection
26 ((2)) (3) of this section;

27 (b) A description of how the office collaborated with the
28 membership of the digital equity forum, state agencies, and key
29 ((stakeholders)) partners to develop the plan including, but not
30 limited to, the following:

31 (i) Community anchor institutions;

32 (ii) Local governments;

33 (iii) Local educational agencies;

34 (iv) Entities that carry out workforce development programs; and

35 (v) Broadband service providers;

36 (c) A description of federal funding available to advance digital
37 equity in the state, including any available information on the
38 extent to which state residents have enrolled in the affordable
39 connectivity program through an approved provider; ((and))

1 (d) An evaluation of existing state digital equity initiatives,
2 policies, programs, funding needs, and public and private
3 investments, including a recommended model for future infrastructure
4 and outreach investments; and

5 (e) Recommendations of additional state law or policy that can be
6 targeted to help improve broadband adoption and affordability for
7 state residents. This may include recommendations of ongoing
8 subsidies that the state can provide to low-income individuals and
9 community anchor institutions, as well as identification of revenue
10 sources that other states or jurisdictions have developed to fund
11 such subsidies or discounted rates.

12 (~~((4) For the purpose of this section, "office" means the~~
13 ~~statewide broadband office established in RCW 43.330.532.))~~ (5) The
14 office must make publicly available, on an ongoing basis, an overview
15 of the progress made in promoting digital equity among underserved
16 communities located in the state, according to the measurable
17 objectives identified in the digital equity plan. The overview must
18 include a description of the successes and remaining challenges of
19 promoting digital equity among specific types of underserved
20 populations, as defined in RCW 43.330.530.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.330.5393 and 2022 c 265 s 305 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
24 specific purpose, the department shall establish a digital equity
25 planning grant program.

26 (2)(a) This program must provide grants to local governments,
27 institutions of higher education, workforce development councils, or
28 other entities to fund the development of a digital equity plan for a
29 discrete geographic region of the state. Only the director or the
30 director's designee may authorize expenditures.

31 (b) Priority must be given for grant applications:

32 (i) Accompanied by express support from community or
33 neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations, public development
34 authorities, federally recognized Indian tribes in the state, or
35 other community partners and partners from the categories of
36 institutions identified in RCW 43.330.421; and

37 (ii) That intend to use community-based participatory action
38 research methods as a part of the proposed plan.

1 (3) An applicant must submit an application to the department in
2 order to be eligible for funding under this section.

3 ~~(4) ((The digital equity forum shall review grant applications
4 and provide input to the department regarding the prioritization of
5 applications in awarding grants among eligible applicants under the
6 program.~~

7 ~~(5))~~ The department must:

8 (a) Pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this section, evaluate and
9 rank applications ~~((using))~~ in accordance with program guidelines,
10 developed in consultation with the Washington state office of equity,
11 that use objective criteria such as the number of underserved
12 populations served and subjective criteria such as the degree of
13 support and engagement evidenced by the community who will be served;
14 and

15 ~~(b) ((Consider the input provided by the forum, as provided in
16 subsection (4) of this section, in awarding grants under the digital
17 equity planning grant program; and~~

18 ~~(c))~~ Consider the extent to which the mix of grants awarded
19 would increase in the number of prekindergarten through 12th grade
20 students gaining access to greater levels of digital inclusion as a
21 factor in awarding grants under the digital equity planning grant
22 program.

23 ~~((6))~~ (5) The department shall develop criteria for what the
24 digital equity plans must include.

25 ~~((7))~~ (6) The department may adopt rules to implement this
26 section.

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.330.5395 and 2022 c 265 s 306 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The Washington digital equity forum is established for the
30 purpose of developing recommendations to advance digital
31 connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equity in Washington
32 state ~~((and advising the statewide broadband office on the digital
33 equity opportunity program as provided under RCW 43.330.412 and the
34 digital equity planning grant program as provided under RCW
35 43.330.5393))~~.

36 (2) In developing its recommendations to advance digital
37 connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equity, the forum must:

38 (a) Develop goals that are consistent with the goals of the
39 governor's statewide broadband office, as provided in RCW 43.330.536;

1 (b) Strengthen public-private partnerships, cooperatives, and
2 other partnerships that promote digital connectivity, broadband
3 adoption, and digital equity;

4 (c) Solicit public input through public hearings or informational
5 sessions;

6 (d) Work to increase collaboration and communication between
7 local, state, and federal governments and agencies; and

8 (e) Recommend opportunities for sustainable digital equity
9 funding, including reforms to current universal service mechanisms.

10 (3) The directors of the governor's statewide broadband office
11 and the Washington state office of equity are responsible for
12 appointing participating members of the digital equity forum and no
13 appointment may be made unless each director concurs in the
14 appointment. In making appointments, the directors must prioritize
15 appointees representing:

16 (a) Federally recognized tribes;

17 (b) State and local agencies involved in digital equity; and

18 (c) Underserved and unserved communities, including historically
19 disadvantaged communities.

20 (4) A majority of the (~~participating~~) members appointed by the
21 directors (~~must~~) may appoint an administrative chair or cochairs
22 for the forum.

23 (5) In addition to members appointed by the directors, four
24 legislators may serve on the digital equity forum in an ex officio
25 capacity. Legislative participants must be appointed as follows:

26 (a) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint one
27 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
28 representatives; and

29 (b) The president of the senate must appoint one member from each
30 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

31 (6) (a) Funds appropriated to the forum may be used to compensate,
32 for any work done in connection with the forum, additional persons
33 who have lived experience navigating barriers to digital connectivity
34 and digital equity.

35 (b) Each member of the digital equity forum shall serve without
36 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized
37 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

38 (7) Staff for the digital equity forum must be provided by the
39 governor's statewide broadband office and the Washington state office
40 of equity. The governor's statewide broadband office and the

1 Washington state office of equity are jointly responsible for
2 transmitting the recommendations of the digital equity forum to the
3 legislature, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, by October 28, 2025, and
4 every odd-numbered year thereafter.

5 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.330.412 and 2022 c 265 s 304 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The digital equity opportunity program is created to advance
8 broadband adoption and digital equity and inclusion throughout the
9 state. The digital equity opportunity program must be administered by
10 the department. The department may contract for services in order to
11 carry out the department's obligations under this section.

12 (1) In implementing the digital equity opportunity program the
13 director must, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose:

14 (a) Provide organizational and capacity building support to
15 digital equity programs throughout the state and additional support
16 for the purpose of:

17 (i) Evaluating the impact and efficacy of activities supported by
18 grants awarded under the covered programs; and

19 (ii) Developing, cataloging, disseminating, and promoting the
20 exchange of best practices, with respect to and independent of the
21 covered programs, in order to achieve digital equity. After July 1,
22 2024, no more than 15 percent of funds received by the director for
23 the program may be expended on these functions;

24 (b) Establish a competitive grant program and provide grants to
25 (~~community technology~~) digital equity programs to advance digital
26 equity and digital inclusion by providing:

27 (i) Training and skill-building opportunities;

28 (ii) Access to hardware and software, including online service
29 costs such as application and software;

30 (iii) Internet connectivity;

31 (iv) Digital media literacy and cybersecurity training;

32 (v) Assistance in the adoption of information and communication
33 technologies for low-income and underserved populations of the state
34 through digital navigators, digital skills training, and related
35 approaches;

36 (vi) Development of locally relevant content and delivery of
37 vital services through technology; and

38 (vii) Technical support;

1 (c) Collaborate with the Washington state office of equity and
2 broadband (~~stakeholders~~) partners, including broadband action teams
3 across the state, in implementing the program as provided under this
4 subsection; and

5 (d) For the purposes of this section, include wireless meshed
6 network technology.

7 (2) Grant applicants must:

8 (a) Provide evidence that the applicant is a nonprofit entity or
9 a public entity that is working in partnership with a nonprofit
10 entity;

11 (b) Define the geographic area or population to be served;

12 (c) Include in the application the results of a needs assessment
13 addressing, in the geographic area or among the population to be
14 served: The impact of inadequacies in technology access or knowledge,
15 barriers faced, and services needed;

16 (d) Explain in detail the strategy for addressing the needs
17 identified and an implementation plan including objectives, tasks,
18 and benchmarks for the applicant and the role that other
19 organizations will play in assisting the applicant's efforts;

20 (e) Provide evidence that funds applied for, if received, will be
21 used to provide effective delivery of (~~community technology~~)
22 digital equity services in alignment with the goals of this program
23 and to increase the applicant's level of effort beyond the current
24 level; and

25 (f) Comply with such other requirements as the director
26 establishes.

27 (~~(3) ((The digital equity forum shall review grant applications~~
28 ~~and provide input to the director regarding the prioritization of~~
29 ~~applications in awarding grants among eligible applicants under the~~
30 ~~program.~~

31 ~~(4))~~) In awarding grants under the digital equity opportunity
32 program created in this section, the director must:

33 (a) Consider the (~~input provided by the digital equity forum, as~~
34 ~~provided in subsection (3) of this section, in awarding grants~~)
35 opportunity to leverage additional federal and private investment;
36 and

37 (b) Consider the extent to which the mix of grants awarded would
38 increase in the number of prekindergarten through 12th grade students
39 gaining access to greater levels of digital inclusion as a factor
40 (~~in awarding grants~~).

1 ~~((5))~~ (4) The director may use no more than 10 percent of funds
2 received for the digital equity opportunity program to cover
3 administrative expenses.

4 ~~((6))~~ (5) The director must establish expected program outcomes
5 for each grant recipient and must require grant recipients to provide
6 an annual accounting of program outcomes.

7 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.650.065 and 2021 c 301 s 4 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
10 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
11 instruction shall develop and administer a technology grant program,
12 as described in this section, to advance the following objectives:

13 (a) Attain or maintain a universal 1:1 student to learning device
14 ratio;

15 (b) Expand technical support and training of school and district
16 staff in using technology to support student learning; and

17 (c) Develop district-based and school-based capacity to assist
18 students and their families in accessing and using technology to
19 support student learning.

20 (2) The following entities, individually or in cooperation, may
21 apply to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for a
22 grant under this section: A public school as defined in RCW
23 28A.150.010; a school district; an educational service district; the
24 Washington center for deaf and hard of hearing youth; and the state
25 school for the blind.

26 (3) At a minimum, grant applications must include:

27 (a) The applicant's technology plan for accomplishing the goals
28 of the grant program, the applicant's student demographics, including
29 the percent of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals,
30 and any specialized technology needs of the applicant's students,
31 such as students with disabilities and English learners who may need
32 adaptive or assistive technologies; and

33 (b) A description of preexisting programs and funding sources
34 used by the applicant to provide learning devices to students, staff,
35 or both.

36 ~~((4) When ranking and selecting applicants, the office of the
37 superintendent of public instruction must prioritize both of the
38 following:~~

1 ~~(a) Applicants without preexisting programs to provide a device~~
2 ~~for every student and that have 30 percent or more students eligible~~
3 ~~for free and reduced-price meals; and~~

4 ~~(b) Applicants with students who have specialized technology~~
5 ~~needs.)~~

6 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.06D.010 and 2020 c 332 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Agency" means every state executive office, agency,
11 department, or commission.

12 (2) "Aging individual" has the meaning defined in RCW 43.330.530.

13 (3) "Broadband" or "broadband service" have the meanings defined
14 in RCW 43.330.530.

15 (4) "Broadband adoption" has the meaning defined in RCW
16 43.330.530.

17 (5) "Community anchor institution" has the meaning defined in RCW
18 43.330.530.

19 (6) "Digital equity" has the meaning defined in RCW 43.330.530.

20 (7) "Director" means the director of the Washington state office
21 of equity.

22 ~~((3))~~ (8) "Disaggregated data" means data that has been broken
23 down by appropriate subcategories.

24 ~~((4))~~ (9) "Equity lens" means providing consideration to the
25 characteristics listed in RCW 49.60.030, as well as immigration
26 status and language access, to evaluate the equitable impacts of an
27 agency's policy or program.

28 ~~((5))~~ (10) "Local government" has the meaning defined in RCW
29 43.330.530.

30 (11) "Low-income" has the meaning defined in RCW 43.330.530.

31 (12) "Office" means the Washington state office of equity.

32 (13) "Underserved population" has the meaning defined in RCW
33 43.330.530.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.330.539 and 43.330.5395 are
35 recodified as sections in chapter 43.06D RCW.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** If specific funding for the purposes of
37 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not

1 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
2 act is null and void.

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