

**RCW 72.09.470 Contributions for cost of privileges—Standards.**

To the greatest extent practical, all incarcerated individuals shall contribute to the cost of privileges. The department may require incarcerated individuals to contribute to the cost of specific privileges designated by the department in accordance with standards that the department shall develop and adopt to ensure that incarcerated individuals contribute a portion of the department's costs directly associated with providing designated privileges. The department shall establish standards by which incarcerated individuals shall contribute a portion of the department's capital costs of providing privileges, including television cable access, weight lifting, and other recreational sports equipment and supplies. The standards shall also require incarcerated individuals to contribute a portion of the department's operating costs directly associated with providing privileges, including staff and supplies. Contributions by incarcerated individuals may be in the form of individual user fees assessed against an incarcerated individual's institution account, deductions from an incarcerated individual's gross wages or gratuities, or collective contributions by incarcerated individuals to the institutional welfare/betterment fund. The department shall make every effort to maximize incarcerated individual contributions to payment for privileges. The department shall not limit incarcerated individuals' financial support for privileges to contributions from the institutional welfare/betterment fund. The standards shall consider the assets available to the incarcerated individuals, the cost of administering compliance with the contribution requirements, and shall promote a responsible work ethic. [2023 c 177 s 1; 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 7.]

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