
HOUSE BILL 2915

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By Representatives Rodne, Ross, and Hurst; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to ethics board penalties and costs; and amending
2 RCW 42.52.500.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.52.500 and 1994 c 154 s 220 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 If an ethics board finds that there is reasonable cause to believe
7 that a violation has occurred, the board shall consider the possibility
8 of the alleged violator having to pay a total amount of penalty and
9 costs of more than five hundred dollars. Based on such consideration,
10 the board may give the person who is the subject of the complaint the
11 option to have an administrative law judge conduct the hearing and rule
12 on procedural and evidentiary matters. The board may also, on its own
13 initiative, provide for retaining an administrative law judge. ((An
14 ethics board may not require total payment of more than five hundred
15 dollars in penalty and costs in any case where an administrative law
16 judge is not used and the board did not give such option to the person
17 who is the subject of the complaint.))

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