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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1828

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By House Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson and Sells)

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- AN ACT Relating to leave enforcement under the family care act; and amending RCW 49.12.280 and 49.12.285.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.12.280 and 1988 c 236 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- The department shall administer ((and)), investigate, and enforce violations of RCW 49.12.270 and ((49.12.275)) 49.12.287.
- 8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 49.12.285 and 1988 c 236 s 5 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
- The department may issue a notice of infraction if the department reasonably believes that an employer has failed to comply with RCW
- 12 49.12.270 or ((49.12.275)) 49.12.287. The form of the notice of
- infraction shall be adopted by rule pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW. Ar
- 14 employer who is found to have committed an infraction under RCW
- 49.12.270 or ((49.12.275)) 49.12.287 may be assessed a monetary penalty
- 16 not to exceed ((two)) five hundred dollars for each violation. Ar
- 17 employer who repeatedly violates RCW 49.12.270 or ((49.12.275))
- 18 <u>49.12.287</u> may be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed one thousand

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dollars for each violation. For purposes of this section, ((the 1 2 failure to comply with RCW 49.12.275 as to an employee or)) the failure to comply with RCW 49.12.270 as to a period of leave sought by an 3 employee or the failure to comply with RCW 49.12.287 as to an employee 4 shall each constitute separate violations. An employer has twenty days 5 6 to appeal the notice of infraction. Any appeal of a violation 7 determined to be an infraction shall be heard and determined by an 8 administrative law judge. Monetary penalties collected under this 9 section shall be deposited into the general fund.

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