

2 **HB 2466** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.450 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 4 are each  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) An inmate shall not be denied access to services or supplies  
10 required by state or federal law solely on the basis of his or her  
11 inability to pay for them.

12 (2) The department shall record all lawfully authorized assessments  
13 for services or supplies as a debt to the department (~~and~~). The  
14 department shall recoup the assessments when the inmate's institutional  
15 account exceeds the indigency standard, and may pursue other remedies  
16 to recoup the assessments after the period of incarceration.

17 (3) The department shall record as a debt any costs assessed by a  
18 court against an inmate plaintiff where the state is providing defense  
19 pursuant to chapter 4.92 RCW. The department shall recoup the debt  
20 when the inmate's institutional account exceeds the indigency standard  
21 and may pursue other remedies to recoup the debt after the period of  
22 incarceration.

23 (4) In order to maximize the cost-efficient collection of unpaid  
24 offender debt existing after the period of an offender's incarceration,  
25 the department is authorized to use the following nonexclusive options:

26 (a) Use the collection services available through the department of  
27 general administration; or (b) notwithstanding any provision of chapter  
28 41.06 RCW, contract with collection agencies for collection of the  
29 debts. The costs for general administration or collection agency  
30 services shall be paid by the debtor. Any contract with a collection  
31 agency shall only be awarded after competitive bidding. Factors the  
32 department shall consider in awarding a collection contract include but  
33 are not limited to a collection agency's history and reputation in the  
34 community; and the agency's access to a local data base that may  
35 increase the efficiency of its collections. The servicing of an unpaid  
36 obligation to the department does not constitute assignment of a debt,

1 and no contract with a collection agency may remove the department's  
2 control over unpaid obligations owed to the department."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "debts;" strike the remainder  
7 of the title and insert "and amending RCW 72.09.450."

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