
SENATE BILL 6542

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By Senators Schow, Hargrove, Long and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to deterring the unwarranted or abusive use of the
2 offender grievance process; and adding a new section to chapter 72.09
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 To discourage the unwarranted or abusive use of the offender
8 grievance process, an offender shall be assessed a two-dollar fee for
9 each grievance he or she files that is found by the department to be
10 without merit, except that no fee shall be assessed for the first two
11 grievances filed by an offender that are found to be without merit.
12 Fees assessed under this section shall be in addition to any other
13 disciplinary action taken by the department in response to an
14 offender's unwarranted or abusive use of the grievance process. The
15 fees may be deducted from an offender's institution account or, if the
16 offender is indigent, recorded as a debt against the account and
17 recouped as provided in RCW 72.09.450.

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