

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

ON

HB 2140

Brief Description: *Regulating the costs and fees of collection agencies.*

BACKGROUND: *Washington collection agencies and out-of-state collection agencies operating in Washington are regulated by state law and the Department of Licensing. A collection agency cannot collect any sum other than the principal and allowable interest and collection costs specifically authorize by statute.*

SUMMARY: *The provision limiting collection agencies to statutorily authorized collection costs applies to consumer claims only. A consumer claim is a claim incurred by an individual primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.*

Fiscal Note: *Not requested.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of the session in which the bill passes.*

Rulemaking: *Not addressed.*