
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2401

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheahan and Hatfield)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the courthouse facilitator program; and amending
2 RCW 26.12.240.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.12.240 and 1993 c 435 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A county may create a courthouse facilitator program to provide
7 basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases. Consistent
8 with local court rules, the facilitator may refer pro se litigants to
9 lawyers and social services, but may not provide any professional
10 services, even if licensed as a professional provider. The legislative
11 authority of any county may impose user fees or may impose a surcharge
12 of up to ten dollars on only those superior court cases filed under
13 Title 26 RCW, or both, to pay for the expenses of the courthouse
14 facilitator program. Fees collected under this section shall be
15 collected and deposited in the same manner as other county funds are
16 collected and deposited, and shall be maintained in a separate account
17 to be used as provided in this section.

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