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HOUSE BILL 1172

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By Representative Kessler

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a statutory minimum judgment amount  
2 for injury to timber, trees, or shrubs; and amending RCW 64.12.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 64.12.030 and Code 1881 s 602 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Whenever any person (~~shall~~) cuts down, girdles or otherwise  
7 injures, or (~~carry~~) carries off any tree, timber, or shrub on the  
8 land of another person, or on the street or highway in front of any  
9 person's house, village, town, or city lot, or cultivated grounds, or  
10 on the commons or public grounds of any village, town, or city, or on  
11 the street or highway in front thereof, without lawful authority, in an  
12 action by such person, village, town, or city against the person  
13 committing such trespasses or any of them, if judgment be given for the  
14 plaintiff, it shall be given for the greater of five hundred dollars or  
15 treble the amount of damages claimed or assessed therefor, as the case  
16 may be.

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