HOUSE BILL 2855

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1 AN ACT Relating to attorneys' fees and costs in appeals of growth 2 management hearings boards' decisions; and adding a new section to 3 chapter 4.84 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 4.84 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs shall be awarded to the 8 prevailing party or substantially prevailing party on appeal before the 9 superior court, court of appeals, or supreme court of a decision by a 10 growth management hearings board. The court shall award and determine 11 the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under this section 12 if:

(a) The prevailing party on appeal was the prevailing or
substantially prevailing party before a growth management hearings
board; and

(b) The prevailing party on appeal was the prevailing party or substantially prevailing party in all prior judicial proceedings, or is the prevailing party or substantially prevailing party in the superior court. (2) Awarding of attorneys' fees and costs under this section does
not preclude any other remedies or relief otherwise available under
law.

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