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By Senators Kline, Constantine, Fairley, Prentice and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to treble damages in civil actions; and amending
2 RCW 19.86.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.86.090 and 1987 c 202 s 187 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any person who is injured in his or her business or property by a
7 violation of RCW 19.86.020, 19.86.030, 19.86.040, 19.86.050, or
8 19.86.060, or any person so injured because he or she refuses to accede
9 to a proposal for an arrangement which, if consummated, would be in
10 violation of RCW 19.86.030, 19.86.040, 19.86.050, or 19.86.060, may
11 bring a civil action in the superior court to enjoin further
12 violations, to recover the actual damages sustained by him or her, or
13 both, together with the costs of the suit, including a reasonable
14 attorney's fee(~~(, and the court may in its discretion, increase the~~
15 ~~award of damages to an amount not to exceed three times the actual~~
16 ~~damages sustained: PROVIDED, That such increased damage award for~~
17 ~~violation of RCW 19.86.020 may not exceed ten thousand dollars:))
18 PROVIDED ((FURTHER)), That such person may bring a civil action in the
19 district court to recover his or her actual damages, except for damages~~

1 which exceed the amount specified in RCW 3.66.020, and the costs of the
2 suit, including reasonable attorney's fees. The district court may, in
3 its discretion, increase the award of damages to an amount not more
4 than three times the actual damages sustained, but such increased
5 damage award shall not exceed the amount specified in RCW 3.66.020. If
6 the action is brought in superior court, the court may also award
7 treble damages over and above actual damages awarded, provided that the
8 treble damages do not exceed the treble damages that could have been
9 awarded if the matter had been brought in district court. For the
10 purpose of this section "person" shall include the counties,
11 municipalities, and all political subdivisions of this state.

12 Whenever the state of Washington is injured by reason of a
13 violation of RCW 19.86.030, 19.86.040, 19.86.050, or 19.86.060, it may
14 sue therefor in the superior court or district court to recover the
15 actual damages sustained by it and to recover the costs of the suit
16 including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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