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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1227**

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**State of Washington                      66th Legislature                      2019 Regular Session**

**By** House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Walen, Klippert, and Jenkins)

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing coroners with additional subpoena  
2 duces tecum authority; and adding a new section to chapter 36.24 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 36.24  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            In addition to any of its existing authorities, the coroner may,  
7 in the course of an active or ongoing death investigation, request  
8 that the superior court issue subpoenas for production of documents  
9 or other records and command each person to whom the subpoena is  
10 directed to produce and permit inspection and copying of documentary  
11 evidence or tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of  
12 that person at a specified time and place. A subpoena for production  
13 must substantively comply with the requirements of CR 45. A subpoena  
14 for production may be joined with a subpoena for testimony, or it may  
15 be issued separately.

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