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SENATE BILL 5273

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By Senators Fain and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to electronic filing of court documents; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 2.04 RCW; creating a new section; and making  
3 an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 2.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) By December 31, 2018, the superior courts of each county with  
8 a population of four hundred fifty thousand or more shall fully  
9 implement the electronic filing of documents in compliance with the  
10 court rules, electronic filing technical standards, and the  
11 recommendations of the Washington state auditor's office.

12 (2) By December 31, 2019, the superior courts of every county and  
13 the appellate courts shall fully implement the electronic filing of  
14 documents in compliance with the court rules, electronic filing  
15 technical standards, and the recommendations of the Washington state  
16 auditor's office.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 1, 2017, the Washington state  
18 auditor's office shall assess the current utilization of electronic  
19 filing by Washington superior and appellate courts and make  
20 recommendations to the governor, appropriate committees of the

1 legislature, and the Washington supreme court regarding the full  
2 statewide mandatory implementation of the electronic filing of  
3 documents in compliance with the court rules, electronic filing  
4 technical standards, and section 1 of this act. The recommendations  
5 shall emphasize the utilization of existing systems and resources.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,  
7 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, from the general fund to the  
9 Washington state auditor's office for the purposes of this act.

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