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By Committee on Judiciary

On page 1, line 16, after "authorized by" strike "law" and insert "RCW 36.18.040"

On page 2, line 1, after "cost" insert "for services designated in RCW 36.18.040"

On page 2, line 2, after "service" insert ". In addition to reasonable costs of services designated in RCW 36.18.040, recoverable costs may include the reasonable costs of the following services: (i) Costs incurred for tracing the defendant to be served if the defendant has moved; (ii) "stake-out costs" incurred while waiting for a defendant who is actively avoiding service to appear at a location which the defendant is known to frequent; (iii) forwarding costs incurred when a process server forwards documents to another server if the defendant is located in another geographical area; and (iv) costs incurred in making multiple attempts to serve the defendant"

EFFECT: Costs recoverable are the reasonable costs of services designated by the statute governing collection of sheriff's fees and four other specified services frequently performed for clients by process servers which some courts currently do not allow the prevailing party to recover as part of the cost bill.

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