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SENATE BILL 5313

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By Senators Loveland, Winsley, Oke, Haugen, Sheldon, Owen, Quigley and Erwin

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to surcharges for recording documents; and amending
- 2 RCW 36.22.170.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.170 and 1989 c 204 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- A surcharge of two dollars per instrument shall be charged by the county auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to
- 8 any other charge authorized by law. Fifty percent of the revenue
- 9 generated through this surcharge shall be transmitted monthly to the
- 10 state treasurer who shall distribute such funds to each county
- 11 treasurer within the state in July of each year in accordance with the
- 12 formula described in RCW 36.22.190. The county treasurer shall place
- 13 the funds received in a special account titled the auditor's centennial
- 14 document preservation and modernization account to be used solely for
- 15 the purpose authorized by this chapter and shall not be added to the
- 16 county current expense fund. Fifty percent of the revenue generated by
- 17 this surcharge shall be retained by the county and deposited in the
- 18 auditor's operation and maintenance fund for ongoing preservation of
- 19 historical documents. ((The portion of the surcharge transmitted to

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the state treasurer shall expire January 1, 1995, at which time the
surcharge authorized in this section shall be reduced to one dollar per
instrument.))

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The centennial document preservation and modernization account is hereby created in the custody of the state treasurer and shall be classified as a treasury trust account. State distributions from the centennial document preservation and modernization account shall be made without appropriation.

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