

1 **SHB 1570** - H AMD

2 By Representative L. Thomas

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter
6 43.09 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The state auditor shall ensure collection of all moneys
8 owed to the state, including accounts receivable, from public and
9 private persons, agencies, entities, or organizations with
10 appropriate interest on past due accounts under RCW 43.17.240.

11 (2) The auditor shall contract with a private collection
12 agency or agencies for the collection of amounts owed to the state
13 that are more than one hundred fifty days past due. The party
14 responsible for past due amounts shall also be responsible for the
15 costs of collection under this section. The auditor shall refer
16 any amount owed to the state that is more than one hundred fifty
17 days past due to a private collection agency or agencies for
18 collection.

19 (3) The requirements of subsection (2) of this section shall
20 not apply to any amount owed to the state that is more than one
21 hundred fifty days past due if the party responsible for payment of
22 the past due amount has entered into a formal, written repayment
23 agreement with the entity responsible for collection of the past
24 due amount. However, the state auditor may contract with a private
25 collection agency or agencies for the collection of amounts that
26 are more than one hundred fifty days past due when the entity which
27 entered into a formal, written repayment agreement has defaulted on
28 that agreement.

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30 NEW SECTION. **Sec 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

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1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
2 shall take effect immediately."

3 Correct title reference accordingly.

EFFECT: The underlying substitute bill, which creates a common tax lien and enforcement procedure for specific taxes, is stricken and replaced with a requirement that the state auditor ensure moneys owed to the state are collected. The auditor must send all accounts that are over 150 days past due to private collection agencies unless the responsible party has entered into a written repayment agreement and has not defaulted on that agreement.