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SENATE BILL 6646

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By Senators Sheahan, Eide, Kline, Haugen, Heavey, McCaslin, Gardner, Costa and Oke

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of court-ordered financial
- 2 obligations; and adding a new section to chapter 3.66 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 3.66 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- All court-ordered financial obligations that are ordered as a result of a conviction for a criminal offense in a court of limited
- 8 jurisdiction may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a
- 9 civil action by the party or entity to whom the legal financial
- 10 obligation is owed. The judgment and sentence must identify the party
- 11 or entity to whom restitution is owed so that the state, party, or
- 12 entity may enforce the judgment.
- 13 All court-ordered financial obligations may be enforced at any time
- 14 during the ten-year period following the offender's release from total
- 15 confinement or within ten years of entry of the judgment and sentence,
- 16 whichever period is longer. Prior to the expiration of the initial
- 17 ten-year period, the court may extend the criminal judgment an
- 18 additional ten years for payment of court-ordered financial
- 19 obligations.

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The party or entity to whom the court-ordered financial obligation is owed has the authority to utilize any other remedies available to the party or entity to collect the court-ordered financial obligation.

Nothing in this section is to be construed to deprive the court of determining whether the offender's failure to pay the legal financial obligation constitutes a violation of a condition of probation or imposing a sanction upon the offender if such a violation is found.

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