

5072-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Kastama, Thibaudeau, Fraser, Patterson, Winsley, Kohl-Welles and Prentice)

Brief Description: Establishing juror compensation.

SB 5072-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions establishing juror compensation.

Provides that grand jurors shall receive ten dollars for the first day or partial day in attendance and shall receive forty-five dollars for each day or partial day thereafter.

Authorizes a superior court to establish a jury improvement fund for the exclusive purpose of enhancing juror services and accommodations. Jurors may contribute to a jury improvement fund by donating all or a portion of their juror fees and expenses accrued under RCW 2.36.150. The fund is to be administered by the court and is to be kept separate from the county's general fund. The county shall not use the jury improvement fund to supplant funding for the court.

A court of limited jurisdiction may establish a jury improvement fund for the exclusive purpose of enhancing juror services and accommodations. Jurors may contribute to a jury improvement fund by donating all or a portion of their juror fees and expenses accrued under RCW 2.36.150, 3.50.135, or 35.20.090. The fund is to be administered by the court and is to be kept separate from the local jurisdiction's general fund. The local jurisdiction shall not use the jury improvement fund to supplant funding for the court.