

---

HOUSE BILL 1596

---

State of Washington

58th Legislature

2003 Regular Session

By Representatives Dunshee, Romero, Haigh, Benson, Wood, Moeller and Sullivan

Read first time 01/31/2003. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to the surcharge for preservation of historical  
2 documents; and amending RCW 36.22.170.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.170 and 1993 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A surcharge of (~~two~~) five dollars per instrument shall be charged  
7 by the county auditor for each document recorded, which will be in  
8 addition to any other charge authorized by law. Fifty percent of the  
9 revenue generated through this surcharge shall be transmitted monthly  
10 to the 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15 ongoing preservation of historical documents of all county offices and  
16 departments and shall not be added to the county current expense fund.  
17 Fifty percent of the revenue generated by this surcharge shall be  
18 retained by the county and deposited in the auditor's operation and

1 maintenance fund for ongoing preservation of historical documents of  
2 all county offices and departments.

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

--- END ---