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## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2674

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session

**By** House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Rodne, Kilduff, Reykdal, and Fey)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/16.

1 AN ACT Relating to filing fee surcharges for funding dispute 2 resolution centers; and amending RCW 7.75.035.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 7.75.035 and 1990 c 172 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 (1) A county legislative authority may impose a surcharge of up 7 to ((ten)) twenty dollars on each civil filing fee in district court ((and)), a surcharge of up to ((fifteen)) twenty dollars on each 8 filing fee for small claims actions, and a surcharge of up to twenty 9 dollars on each civil filing fee in superior court for the purpose of 10 11 funding dispute resolution centers established under this chapter. No surcharge may be imposed on actions or proceedings exempt from a 12 <u>filing</u>fee. 13

14 (2) Any surcharge imposed shall be collected by the clerk of the 15 court and remitted to the county treasurer for deposit in a separate 16 account to be used solely for dispute resolution centers established 17 under this chapter. Money received under this section is not subject 18 to RCW 3.62.020(2) or 3.62.090. The accounts created pursuant to this 19 subsection shall be audited by the state auditor in accordance with 20 RCW 43.09.260. (3) The flat fee levels established in this section may be
adjusted annually up to the state's fiscal growth factor, as defined
in RCW 43.135.025.

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