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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Walen, Klippert, and Jinkins

AN ACT Relating to providing coroners with additional subpoena duces tecum authority; and adding a new section to chapter 36.24 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 36.24 RCW to read as follows:

In addition to any of its existing authorities, the coroner may, in the course of an active or ongoing death investigation, request that the superior court issue subpoenas for production of documents or other records and command each person to whom the subpoena is directed to produce and permit inspection and copying of documentary evidence or tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of that person at a specified time and place. A subpoena for production must substantively comply with the requirements of CR 45. A subpoena for production may be joined with a subpoena for testimony, or it may be issued separately. Failure to comply with a subpoena may be punished as authorized in RCW 36.24.050.

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