

2SSB 5160 - S AMD 306

By Senator Fortunato

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1 On page 21, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 The state is entitled to reimbursement for any rental assistance
5 provided to a tenant through publicly funded rental assistance
6 programs upon a showing that the tenant intentionally failed to pay
7 any outstanding rent debt upon receipt of such rental assistance
8 funds and that the tenant was not suffering any COVID-19 hardship.
9 The state may pursue a civil action to recover such funds and be
10 awarded any court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. This section
11 does not preclude the landlord from taking any collection action to
12 recoup or claim reimbursement for any unpaid rent."

13 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
14 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Entitles the state to recover public rental assistance funds upon a showing that a tenant intentionally failed to use such funds to pay rent owed and is not suffering a COVID-19 hardship.

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