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## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1412

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By House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Simmons, Goodman, Davis, Valdez, Berry, Taylor, Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Ormsby, Harris-Talley, Pollet, and Macri)

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- AN ACT Relating to legal financial obligations; amending RCW 3.66.120, 9.94A.750, 9.94A.753, 9.94A.760, 6.17.020, 9.92.060, 9.95.210, 10.01.160, 10.73.160, 10.64.015, 10.82.090, 7.68.035, 9.94A.6333, 9.94B.040, 10.01.180, 3.62.085, 36.18.020, 43.43.7541, 3.62.020, 3.62.040, 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 10.01.170, 10.46.190, 9.92.070, and 7.68.240; adding a new section to chapter 10.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 3.66 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.66.120 and 2001 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
  - (1) All court-ordered restitution obligations that are ordered as a result of a conviction for a criminal offense in a court of limited jurisdiction may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action by the party or entity to whom the legal financial obligation is owed. The judgment and sentence must identify the party or entity to whom restitution is owed so that the state, party, or entity may enforce the judgment.
  - (2) At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the requirement to pay, full or partial restitution and accrued interest on restitution to any insurer or entity that is not an individual if the court finds

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- that the offender does not have the current or likely future ability
  to make full or partial restitution to the insurer or entity that is
  not an individual. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms
  "entity," "individual," and "insurer" have the same meanings as
  provided in RCW 9.94A.750(3).
- 6 (3) All court-ordered restitution obligations may be enforced at 7 any time during the ((ten-year)) 10-year period following the offender's release from total confinement or within ((ten)) 10 years 8 of entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period is longer. 9 Prior to the expiration of the initial ((ten-year)) 10-year period, 10 11 the court may extend the criminal judgment an additional ((ten)) 10 12 years for payment of court-ordered restitution only if the court finds that the offender ((has not made a good faith attempt to pay)) 13 has the current or likely future ability to pay the restitution 14 obligation. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the 15 16 person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3).
- 17 <u>(4)</u> The party or entity to whom the court-ordered restitution 18 obligation is owed may utilize any other remedies available to the 19 party or entity to collect the court-ordered financial obligation.

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- (5) Nothing in this section may be construed to deprive the court of the authority to determine whether the offender's failure to pay the legal financial obligation constitutes a violation of a condition of probation or to impose a sanction upon the offender if such a violation is found.
- 25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.94A.750 and 2018 c 123 s 1 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
- This section applies to offenses committed on or before July 1, 28 1985.
  - (1) If restitution is ordered, the court shall determine the amount of restitution due at the sentencing hearing or within ((ene hundred eighty)) 180 days. The court may continue the hearing beyond the ((ene hundred eighty)) 180 days for good cause. The court shall then set a minimum monthly payment that the offender is required to make towards the restitution that is ordered. The court shall not issue any order that postpones the commencement of restitution payments until after the offender is released from total confinement. The court should take into consideration the total amount of the restitution owed, the offender's present, past, and future ability to pay, as well as any assets that the offender may have. An offender's

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inability to make restitution payments while in total confinement may not be the basis for a violation of his or her sentence unless his or her inability to make payments resulted from a refusal to accept an employment offer to a class I or class II job or a termination for cause from such a job.

- (2) During the period of supervision, the community corrections officer may examine the offender to determine if there has been a change in circumstances that warrants an amendment of the monthly payment schedule. The community corrections officer may recommend a change to the schedule of payment and shall inform the court of the recommended change and the reasons for the change. The sentencing court may then reset the monthly minimum payments based on the report from the community corrections officer of the change in circumstances.
- (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, restitution ordered by a court pursuant to a criminal conviction shall be based on easily ascertainable damages for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for treatment for injury to persons, and lost wages resulting from injury. Restitution shall not include reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering, or other intangible losses, but may include the costs of counseling reasonably related to the offense. The amount of restitution shall not exceed double the amount of the offender's gain or the victim's loss from the commission of the offense.
- (b) At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the requirement to pay, full or partial restitution and accrued interest on restitution to any insurer or entity that is not an individual if the court finds that the offender does not have the current or likely future ability to make full or partial restitution to the insurer or entity that is not an individual. For the purposes of this subsection:
- (i) "Entity" means any business or organization possessing separate and distinct legal rights, such as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, nonprofit, governmental body, or municipal corporation.
  - (ii) "Individual" means any person who has sustained financial or nonfinancial injury to person or financial damage to property as the direct result of the offender's crime, for which the court has ordered the offender to provide direct compensation, and who has not or will not be compensated by a third party for the losses incurred.

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(iii) "Insurer" means any insurer as defined and authorized under Title 48 RCW, and any business, corporation, governmental body, municipal corporation, or other organization of more than 50 employees or members who are self-insured, or any other organization formed for the purposes of jointly self-insuring or self-funding.

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- (4) For the purposes of this section, the offender shall remain under the court's jurisdiction for a term of ((ten)) 10 years following the offender's release from total confinement or ((ten)) 10 years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period is longer. Prior to the expiration of the initial ((ten-year)) 10-year period, the superior court may extend jurisdiction under the criminal judgment an additional ((ten)) 10 years for payment of restitution only if the court finds that the offender has the current or likely future ability to pay the restitution obligation. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3). The portion of the sentence concerning restitution may be modified as to amount, terms and conditions during either the initial ((ten-year)) 10-year period or subsequent ((tenyear)) 10-year period if the criminal judgment is extended, regardless of the expiration of the offender's term of community supervision and regardless of the statutory maximum sentence for the crime. The court may not reduce the total amount of restitution ordered because the offender may lack the ability to pay the total amount. The offender's compliance with the restitution shall be supervised by the department only during any period which the department is authorized to supervise the offender in the community under RCW 9.94A.728, 9.94A.501, or in which the offender is in confinement in a state correctional institution or a correctional facility pursuant to a transfer agreement with the department, and the department shall supervise the offender's compliance during any such period. The department is responsible for supervision of the offender only during confinement and authorized supervision and not during any subsequent period in which the offender remains under the court's jurisdiction. The county clerk is authorized to collect unpaid restitution at any time the offender remains under the jurisdiction of the court for purposes of his or her legal financial obligations.
  - (5) Restitution may be ordered whenever the offender is convicted of an offense which results in injury to any person or damage to or loss of property or as provided in subsection (6) of this section. In

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addition, restitution may be ordered to pay for an injury, loss, or damage if the offender pleads guilty to a lesser offense or fewer offenses and agrees with the prosecutor's recommendation that the offender be required to pay restitution to a victim of an offense or offenses which are not prosecuted pursuant to a plea agreement.

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- (6) Restitution for the crime of rape of a child in the first, second, or third degree, in which the victim becomes pregnant, shall include: (a) All of the victim's medical expenses that are associated with the rape and resulting pregnancy; and (b) child support for any child born as a result of the rape if child support is ordered pursuant to a proceeding in superior court or administrative order for support for that child. The clerk must forward any restitution payments made on behalf of the victim's child to the Washington state support registry under chapter 26.23 RCW. Identifying information about the victim and child shall not be included in the order. The offender shall receive a credit against any obligation owing under the administrative or superior court order for support of the victim's child. For the purposes of this subsection, the offender shall remain under the court's jurisdiction until the offender has satisfied support obligations under the superior court or administrative order but not longer than a maximum term of ((twentyyears following the offender's release from total confinement or ((twenty-five)) 25 years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period is longer. The court may not reduce the total amount of restitution ordered because the offender may lack the ability to pay the total amount. The department shall supervise the offender's compliance with the restitution ordered under this subsection.
- (7) In addition to any sentence that may be imposed, an offender who has been found guilty of an offense involving fraud or other deceptive practice or an organization which has been found guilty of any such offense may be ordered by the sentencing court to give notice of the conviction to the class of persons or to the sector of the public affected by the conviction or financially interested in the subject matter of the offense by mail, by advertising in designated areas or through designated media, or by other appropriate means.
- (8) This section does not limit civil remedies or defenses available to the victim or offender including support enforcement remedies for support ordered under subsection (6) of this section for

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1 a child born as a result of a rape of a child victim. The court shall identify in the judgment and sentence the victim or victims entitled 2 to restitution and what amount is due each victim. The state or 3 victim may enforce the court-ordered restitution in the same manner 4 as a judgment in a civil action. Restitution collected through civil 5 6 enforcement must be paid through the registry of the court and must be distributed proportionately according to each victim's loss when 7 there is more than one victim. 8

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.94A.753 and 2018 c 123 s 2 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

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This section applies to offenses committed after July 1, 1985.

- (1) When restitution is ordered, the court shall determine the amount of restitution due at the sentencing hearing or within ((one hundred eighty)) 180 days except as provided in subsection (7) of this section. The court may continue the hearing beyond the ((one hundred eighty)) 180 days for good cause. The court shall then set a minimum monthly payment that the offender is required to make towards the restitution that is ordered. The court shall not issue any order that postpones the commencement of restitution payments until after the offender is released from total confinement. The court should take into consideration the total amount of the restitution owed, the offender's present, past, and future ability to pay, as well as any assets that the offender may have. An offender's inability to make restitution payments while in total confinement may not be the basis for a violation of his or her sentence unless his or her inability to make payments resulted from a refusal to accept an employment offer to a class I or class II job or a termination for cause from such a job.
- (2) During the period of supervision, the community corrections officer may examine the offender to determine if there has been a change in circumstances that warrants an amendment of the monthly payment schedule. The community corrections officer may recommend a change to the schedule of payment and shall inform the court of the recommended change and the reasons for the change. The sentencing court may then reset the monthly minimum payments based on the report from the community corrections officer of the change in circumstances.
- (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, restitution ordered by a court pursuant to a criminal conviction

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shall be based on easily ascertainable damages for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for treatment for injury to persons, and lost wages resulting from injury. Restitution shall not include reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain and suffering, or other intangible losses, but may include the costs of counseling reasonably related to the offense. The amount of restitution shall not exceed double the amount of the offender's gain or the victim's loss from the commission of the crime.

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- (b) At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the requirement to pay, full or partial restitution and accrued interest on restitution to any insurer or entity that is not an individual if the court finds that the offender does not have the current or likely future ability to make full or partial restitution to the insurer or entity that is not an individual. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "entity," "individual," and "insurer" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 9.94A.750(3).
- (4) For the purposes of this section, ((<del>for an offense committed</del> prior to July 1, 2000,)) the offender shall remain under the court's jurisdiction for a term of ((ten)) <u>10</u> years following the offender's release from total confinement or ((ten)) 10 years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period ends later. Prior to the expiration of the initial ((ten-year)) 10-year period, superior court may extend jurisdiction under the criminal judgment an additional ((ten)) <u>10</u> years for payment of restitution only if the court finds that the offender has the current or likely future ability to pay the restitution obligation. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3). ((For an offense committed on or after July 1, 2000, the offender shall remain under the court's jurisdiction until the obligation is completely satisfied, regardless of the statutory maximum for the crime.)) The portion of the sentence concerning restitution may be modified as to amount, terms, and conditions during any period of time the offender remains under the court's jurisdiction, regardless of the expiration of the offender's term of community supervision and regardless of the statutory maximum sentence for the crime. The court may not reduce the total amount of restitution ordered because the offender may lack the ability to pay the total amount. The offender's compliance with the restitution shall be supervised by the department only during any period which

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1 the department is authorized to supervise the offender in the community under RCW 9.94A.728, 9.94A.501, or in which the offender is 2 in confinement in a state correctional institution or a correctional 3 facility pursuant to a transfer agreement with the department, and 4 the department shall supervise the offender's compliance during any 5 6 such period. The department is responsible for supervision of the offender only during confinement and authorized supervision and not 7 during any subsequent period in which the offender remains under the 8 court's jurisdiction. The county clerk is authorized to collect 9 unpaid restitution at any time the offender remains under the 10 jurisdiction of the court for purposes of his or her legal financial 11 12 obligations.

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- (5) Restitution shall be ordered whenever the offender is convicted of an offense which results in injury to any person or damage to or loss of property or as provided in subsection (6) of this section unless extraordinary circumstances exist which make restitution inappropriate in the court's judgment and the court sets forth such circumstances in the record. In addition, restitution shall be ordered to pay for an injury, loss, or damage if the offender pleads guilty to a lesser offense or fewer offenses and agrees with the prosecutor's recommendation that the offender be required to pay restitution to a victim of an offense or offenses which are not prosecuted pursuant to a plea agreement.
- (6) Restitution for the crime of rape of a child in the first, second, or third degree, in which the victim becomes pregnant, shall include: (a) All of the victim's medical expenses that are associated with the rape and resulting pregnancy; and (b) child support for any child born as a result of the rape if child support is ordered pursuant to a civil superior court or administrative order for support for that child. The clerk must forward any restitution payments made on behalf of the victim's child to the Washington state child support registry under chapter 26.23 RCW. information about the victim and child shall not be included in the order. The offender shall receive a credit against any obligation owing under the administrative or superior court order for support of the victim's child. For the purposes of this subsection, the offender shall remain under the court's jurisdiction until the offender has support obligations the superior court under administrative order for the period provided in RCW 4.16.020 or a maximum term of ((twenty-five)) 25 years following the offender's

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release from total confinement or ((twenty-five)) 25 years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period is longer. The court may not reduce the total amount of restitution ordered because the offender may lack the ability to pay the total amount. The department shall supervise the offender's compliance with the restitution ordered under this subsection.

- (7) Regardless of the provisions of subsections (1) through (6) of this section, the court shall order restitution in all cases where the victim is entitled to benefits under the crime victims' compensation act, chapter 7.68 RCW. If the court does not order restitution and the victim of the crime has been determined to be entitled to benefits under the crime victims' compensation act, the department of labor and industries, as administrator of the crime victims' compensation program, may petition the court within one year of entry of the judgment and sentence for entry of a restitution order. Upon receipt of a petition from the department of labor and industries, the court shall hold a restitution hearing and shall enter a restitution order.
- (8) In addition to any sentence that may be imposed, an offender who has been found guilty of an offense involving fraud or other deceptive practice or an organization which has been found guilty of any such offense may be ordered by the sentencing court to give notice of the conviction to the class of persons or to the sector of the public affected by the conviction or financially interested in the subject matter of the offense by mail, by advertising in designated areas or through designated media, or by other appropriate means.
- (9) This section does not limit civil remedies or defenses available to the victim, survivors of the victim, or offender including support enforcement remedies for support ordered under subsection (6) of this section for a child born as a result of a rape of a child victim. The court shall identify in the judgment and sentence the victim or victims entitled to restitution and what amount is due each victim. The state or victim may enforce the court-ordered restitution in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action. Restitution collected through civil enforcement must be paid through the registry of the court and must be distributed proportionately according to each victim's loss when there is more than one victim.

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1 (10) If a person has caused a victim to lose money or property through the filing of a vehicle report of sale in which the 2 designated buyer had no knowledge of the vehicle transfer or the 3 fraudulent filing of the report of sale, upon conviction or when the 4 offender pleads quilty and agrees with the prosecutor's 5 6 recommendation that the offender be required to pay restitution to a 7 victim, the court may order the defendant to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not to exceed double the amount of the defendant's gain or 8 victim's loss from the filing of the vehicle report of sale in which 9 the designated buyer had no knowledge of the vehicle transfer or the 10 11 fraudulent filing of the report of sale. Such an amount may be used to provide restitution to the victim at the order of the court. It is 12 the duty of the prosecuting attorney to investigate the alternative 13 14 restitution, and to recommend it to the court, when the prosecuting attorney believes that restitution is appropriate and 15 16 feasible. If the court orders restitution, the court must make a 17 finding as to the amount of the victim's loss due to the filing of the report of sale in which the designated buyer had no knowledge of 18 the vehicle transfer or the fraudulent filing of the report of sale, 19 and if the record does not contain sufficient evidence to support 20 21 such finding, the court may conduct a hearing upon the issue. For 22 purposes of this section, "loss" refers to the amount of money or the 23 value of property or services lost.

## Sec. 4. RCW 9.94A.760 and 2018 c 269 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

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(1) Whenever a person is convicted in superior court, the court may order the payment of a legal financial obligation as part of the sentence. The court may not order an offender to pay costs as described in RCW 10.01.160 if the court finds that the offender at the time of sentencing is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (e))) 10.01.160(3). An offender being indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (e))) 10.01.160(3) is not grounds for failing to impose restitution or the crime victim penalty assessment under RCW 7.68.035. The court must on either the judgment and sentence or on a subsequent order to pay, designate the total amount of a legal financial obligation and segregate this amount among the separate assessments made for restitution, costs, fines, and other assessments required by law. On the same order, the court is also to set a sum that the offender is required to pay on a

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- monthly basis towards satisfying the legal financial obligation. If the court fails to set the offender monthly payment amount, the department shall set the amount if the department has active supervision of the offender, otherwise the county clerk shall set the amount.
  - (2) Upon receipt of each payment made by or on behalf of an offender, the county clerk shall distribute the payment in the following order of priority until satisfied:

- 9 (a) First, proportionally to restitution to victims that have not 10 been fully compensated from other sources;
  - (b) Second, proportionally to restitution to insurance or other sources with respect to a loss that has provided compensation to victims;
    - (c) Third, proportionally to crime victims' assessments; and
- 15 (d) Fourth, proportionally to costs, fines, and other assessments 16 required by law.
  - (3) If the court determines that the offender, at the time of sentencing, has the means to pay for the cost of incarceration, the court may require the offender to pay for the cost of incarceration. The court shall not order the offender to pay the cost of incarceration if the court finds that the offender at the time of sentencing is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3)) (a) through (e))) 10.01.160(3). Costs of incarceration ordered by the court shall not exceed a rate of ((fifty dollars)) \$50 per day of incarceration, if incarcerated in a prison, or the actual cost of incarceration per day of incarceration, if incarcerated in a county jail. In no case may the court require the offender to pay more than ((one hundred dollars)) \$100 per day for the cost of incarceration. All funds recovered from offenders for the cost of incarceration in the county jail shall be remitted to the county and the costs of incarceration in a prison shall be remitted to the department.
  - (4) The court may add to the judgment and sentence or subsequent order to pay a statement that a notice of payroll deduction is to be issued immediately. If the court chooses not to order the immediate issuance of a notice of payroll deduction at sentencing, the court shall add to the judgment and sentence or subsequent order to pay a statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other income-withholding action may be taken, without further notice to the offender if a monthly court-ordered legal financial obligation

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If a judgment and sentence or subsequent order to pay does not include the statement that a notice of payroll deduction may be issued or other income-withholding action may be taken if a monthly legal financial obligation payment is past due, the department or the county clerk may serve a notice on the offender stating such requirements and authorizations. Service shall be by personal service or any form of mail requiring a return receipt.

(5) Independent of the department or the county clerk, the party or entity to whom the legal financial obligation is owed shall have the authority to use any other remedies available to the party or entity to collect the legal financial obligation. These remedies include enforcement in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action by the party or entity to whom the legal financial obligation is owed. Restitution collected through civil enforcement must be paid through the registry of the court and must be distributed proportionately according to each victim's loss when there is more than one victim. The judgment and sentence shall identify the party or entity to whom restitution is owed so that the state, party, or entity may enforce the judgment. If restitution is ordered pursuant to RCW 9.94A.750(6) or 9.94A.753(6) to a victim of rape of a child or a victim's child born from the rape, the Washington state child support registry shall be identified as the party to whom payments must be made. Restitution obligations arising from the rape of a child in the first, second, or third degree that result in the pregnancy of the victim may be enforced for the time periods provided under RCW 9.94A.750(6) and 9.94A.753(6). All other legal financial obligations ((for an offense committed prior to July 1, 2000,)) may be enforced at any time during the ten-year period following the offender's release from total confinement or within ((ten)) <u>10</u> years of entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period ends later. Prior to the expiration of the initial ((ten-year)) 10-year period, the superior court may extend the criminal judgment an additional ((ten)) 10 years for payment of legal financial obligations including crime victims' assessments((. All other legal financial obligations for an offense committed on or after July 1, 2000, may be enforced at any time the offender remains under the court's jurisdiction. For an offense committed on or after July 1, 2000, the court shall retain jurisdiction over the offender, for purposes of the offender's

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compliance with payment of the legal financial obligations, until the obligation is completely satisfied, regardless of the statutory maximum for the crime)) only if the court finds that the offender has the current or likely future ability to pay the obligations. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3). The department may only supervise the offender's compliance with payment of the legal financial obligations during any period in which the department is authorized to supervise the offender in the community under RCW 9.94A.728, 9.94A.501, or in which the offender is confined in a state correctional institution or a correctional facility pursuant to a transfer agreement with the department, and the department shall supervise the offender's compliance during any such period. The department is not responsible for supervision of the offender during any subsequent period of time the offender remains under the court's jurisdiction. The county clerk is authorized to collect unpaid legal financial obligations at any time the offender remains under the jurisdiction of the court for purposes of his or her legal financial obligations. 

(6) In order to assist the court in setting a monthly sum that the offender must pay during the period of supervision, the offender is required to report to the department for purposes of preparing a recommendation to the court. When reporting, the offender is required, under oath, to respond truthfully and honestly to all questions concerning present, past, and future earning capabilities and the location and nature of all property or financial assets. The offender is further required to bring all documents requested by the department.

- (7) After completing the investigation, the department shall make a report to the court on the amount of the monthly payment that the offender should be required to make towards a satisfied legal financial obligation.
- (8) (a) During the period of supervision, the department may make a recommendation to the court that the offender's monthly payment schedule be modified so as to reflect a change in financial circumstances. If the department sets the monthly payment amount, the department may modify the monthly payment amount without the matter being returned to the court. During the period of supervision, the department may require the offender to report to the department for the purposes of reviewing the appropriateness of the collection schedule for the legal financial obligation. During this reporting,

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the offender is required under oath to respond truthfully and honestly to all questions concerning earning capabilities and the location and nature of all property or financial assets. The offender shall bring all documents requested by the department in order to prepare the collection schedule.

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- (b) Subsequent to any period of supervision, or if the department is not authorized to supervise the offender in the community, the county clerk may make a recommendation to the court that the offender's monthly payment schedule be modified so as to reflect a change in financial circumstances. If the county clerk sets the monthly payment amount, or if the department set the monthly payment amount and the department has subsequently turned the collection of the legal financial obligation over to the county clerk, the clerk may modify the monthly payment amount without the matter being returned to the court. During the period of repayment, the county clerk may require the offender to report to the clerk for the purpose of reviewing the appropriateness of the collection schedule for the legal financial obligation. During this reporting, the offender is required under oath to respond truthfully and honestly to all questions concerning earning capabilities and the location and nature of all property or financial assets. The offender shall bring all documents requested by the county clerk in order to prepare the collection schedule.
  - (9) After the judgment and sentence or payment order is entered, the department is authorized, for any period of supervision, to collect the legal financial obligation from the offender. Subsequent to any period of supervision or, if the department is not authorized to supervise the offender in the community, the county clerk is authorized to collect unpaid legal financial obligations from the offender. Any amount collected by the department shall be remitted daily to the county clerk for the purpose of disbursements. The department and the county clerks are authorized, but not required, to accept credit cards as payment for a legal financial obligation, and any costs incurred related to accepting credit card payments shall be the responsibility of the offender.
  - (10) The department or any obligee of the legal financial obligation may seek a mandatory wage assignment for the purposes of obtaining satisfaction for the legal financial obligation pursuant to RCW 9.94A.7701. Any party obtaining a wage assignment shall notify the county clerk. The county clerks shall notify the department, or

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the administrative office of the courts, whichever is providing the monthly billing for the offender.

- (11) The requirement that the offender pay a monthly sum towards a legal financial obligation constitutes a condition or requirement of a sentence and the offender is subject to the penalties for noncompliance as provided in RCW 9.94B.040, 9.94A.737, or 9.94A.740. If the court determines that the offender is homeless or a person who is mentally ill, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, failure to pay a legal financial obligation is not willful noncompliance and shall not subject the offender to penalties.
- (12)(a) The administrative office of the courts shall mail individualized periodic billings to the address known by the office for each offender with an unsatisfied legal financial obligation.
- (b) The billing shall direct payments, other than outstanding cost of supervision assessments under RCW 9.94A.780, parole assessments under RCW 72.04A.120, and cost of probation assessments under RCW 9.95.214, to the county clerk, and cost of supervision, parole, or probation assessments to the department.
- (c) The county clerk shall provide the administrative office of the courts with notice of payments by such offenders no less frequently than weekly.
- (d) The county clerks, the administrative office of the courts, and the department shall maintain agreements to implement this subsection.
- (13) The department shall arrange for the collection of unpaid legal financial obligations during any period of supervision in the community through the county clerk. The department shall either collect unpaid legal financial obligations or arrange for collections through another entity if the clerk does not assume responsibility or is unable to continue to assume responsibility for collection pursuant to subsection (5) of this section. The costs for collection services shall be paid by the offender.
- (14) The county clerk may access the records of the employment security department for the purposes of verifying employment or income, seeking any assignment of wages, or performing other duties necessary to the collection of an offender's legal financial obligations.
- (15) Nothing in this chapter makes the department, the state, the counties, or any state or county employees, agents, or other persons acting on their behalf liable under any circumstances for the payment

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- of these legal financial obligations or for the acts of any offender who is no longer, or was not, subject to supervision by the department for a term of community custody, and who remains under the jurisdiction of the court for payment of legal financial obligations.
- 5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 6.17.020 and 2002 c 261 s 1 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

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- (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the party in whose favor a judgment of a court has been or may be filed or rendered, or the assignee or the current holder thereof, may have an execution, garnishment, or other legal process issued for the collection or enforcement of the judgment at any time within ((ten)) 10 years from entry of the judgment or the filing of the judgment in this state.
- (2) After July 23, 1989, a party who obtains a judgment or order of a court or an administrative order entered as defined in RCW 74.20A.020(6) for accrued child support, or the assignee or the current holder thereof, may have an execution, garnishment, or other legal process issued upon that judgment or order at any time within ((ten)) 10 years of the ((eighteenth)) 18th birthday of the youngest child named in the order for whom support is ordered.
- (3) After June 9, 1994, a party in whose favor a judgment has been filed as a foreign judgment or rendered pursuant to subsection (1) or (4) of this section, or the assignee or the current holder thereof, may, within ((ninety)) <u>90</u> days before the expiration of the original ((ten-year)) <u>10-year</u> period, apply to the court that rendered the judgment or to the court where the judgment was filed as a foreign judgment for an order granting an additional ((ten)) 10 years during which an execution, garnishment, or other legal process may be issued. If a district court judgment of this state is transcribed to a superior court of this state, the original district court judgment shall not be extended and any petition under this section to extend the judgment that has been transcribed to superior court shall be filed in the superior court within ((ninety)) 90 days before the expiration of the ((ten-year)) 10-year period of the date the transcript of the district court judgment was filed in the superior court of this state. The petitioner shall pay to the court a filing fee equal to the filing fee for filing the first or initial paper in a civil action in the court, except in the case of district court judgments transcribed to superior court, where the filing fee

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shall be the fee for filing the first or initial paper in a civil action in the superior court where the judgment was transcribed. The order granting the application shall contain an updated judgment summary as provided in RCW 4.64.030. The filing fee required under this subsection shall be included in the judgment summary and shall be a recoverable cost. The application shall be granted as a matter of right, subject to review only for timeliness, factual issues of full or partial satisfaction, or errors in calculating the judgment summary amounts.

- (4) A party who obtains a judgment or order for restitution ( $(\tau)$ crime victims' assessment, or other court-ordered legal financial obligations)) pursuant to a criminal judgment and sentence, or the assignee or the current holder thereof, may execute, garnish, and/or have legal process issued upon the judgment or order any time within ((ten)) 10 years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence or ((ten)) 10 years following the offender's release from total confinement as provided in chapter 9.94A RCW. The clerk of superior court, or a party designated by the clerk, may seek extension under subsection (3) of this section for purposes of collection as allowed under RCW 36.18.190, ((provided that no)) only if the court finds that the offender has the current or likely future ability to pay the restitution obligation. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3). No filing fee shall be required for filing a petition for an extension pursuant to this subsection.
- assessment, or other court-ordered legal financial obligations other than restitution, pursuant to a criminal judgment and sentence, or the assignee or the current holder thereof, may execute, garnish, and/or have legal process issued upon the judgment or order any time within five years subsequent to the entry of the judgment and sentence or five years following the offender's release from total confinement as provided in chapter 9.94A RCW. Prior to the expiration of the initial five-year period, the superior court may extend the criminal judgment an additional five years for payment of nonrestitution legal financial obligations only if the court finds that the offender has the current or likely future ability to pay the obligations. A person does not have the current ability to pay if the person is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3).

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(6) "Court" as used in this section includes but is not limited to the United States supreme court, the United States courts of appeals, the United States district courts, the United States bankruptcy courts, the Washington state supreme court, the court of appeals of the state of Washington, superior courts and district courts of the counties of the state of Washington, and courts of other states and jurisdictions from which judgment has been filed in this state under chapter 6.36 or 6.40 RCW.

- ((+6+)) (7) The perfection of any judgment lien and the priority of that judgment lien on property as established by RCW 6.13.090 and chapter 4.56 RCW is not altered by the extension of the judgment pursuant to the provisions of this section and the lien remains in full force and effect and does not have to be rerecorded after it is extended. Continued perfection of a judgment that has been transcribed to other counties and perfected in those counties may be accomplished after extension of the judgment by filing with the clerk of the other counties where the judgment has been filed either a certified copy of the order extending the judgment or a certified copy of the docket of the matter where the judgment was extended.
- (((+7+))) (8) Except as ordered in RCW 4.16.020 (2) or (3), chapter 9.94A RCW, or chapter 13.40 RCW, no judgment is enforceable for a period exceeding  $((\pm \text{wenty}))$  20 years from the date of entry in the originating court. Nothing in this section may be interpreted to extend the expiration date of a foreign judgment beyond the expiration date under the laws of the jurisdiction where the judgment originated.
- ((<del>(8)</del>)) <u>(9)</u> The chapter 261, Laws of 2002 amendments to this section apply to all judgments currently in effect on June 13, 2002, to all judgments extended after June 9, 1994, unless the judgment has been satisfied, vacated, and/or quashed, and to all judgments filed or rendered, or both, after June 13, 2002.
- Sec. 6. RCW 9.92.060 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 40 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Whenever any person is convicted of any crime except murder, burglary in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery, rape of a child, or rape, the superior court may, in its discretion, at the time of imposing sentence upon such person, direct that such sentence be stayed and suspended until otherwise ordered by the

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superior court, and, upon such terms as the superior court may determine, that the sentenced person be placed under the charge of:

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- (a) A community corrections officer employed by the department of corrections, if the person is subject to supervision under RCW 9.94A.501 or 9.94A.5011; or
- (b) A probation officer employed or contracted for by the county, if the county has elected to assume responsibility for the supervision of superior court misdemeanant probationers.
- (2) As a condition to suspension of sentence, the superior court shall require the payment of the penalty assessment required by RCW 7.68.035. In addition, the superior court may require the convicted person to make such monetary payments, on such terms as the superior court deems appropriate under the circumstances, as are necessary: (a) To comply with any order of the court for the payment of family support; (b) to make restitution to any person or persons who may have suffered loss or damage by reason of the commission of the crime in question or when the offender pleads guilty to a lesser offense or fewer offenses and agrees with the prosecutor's recommendation that the offender be required to pay restitution to a victim of an offense or offenses which are not prosecuted pursuant to a plea agreement; (c) to pay any fine imposed and not suspended and the court or other incurred in the prosecution of the case, reimbursement of the state for costs of extradition if return to this state by extradition was required; and (d) to contribute to a county or interlocal drug fund.
  - (3) At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the requirement to pay, full or partial restitution and accrued interest on restitution to any insurer or entity that is not an individual if the court finds that the offender does not have the current or likely future ability to make full or partial restitution to the insurer or entity that is not an individual. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "entity," "individual," and "insurer" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 9.94A.750(3).
- (4) As a condition of the suspended sentence, the superior court may order the probationer to report to the secretary of corrections or such officer as the secretary may designate and as a condition of the probation to follow the instructions of the secretary. If the county legislative authority has elected to assume responsibility for the supervision of superior court misdemeanant probationers within

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its jurisdiction, the superior court misdemeanant probationer shall report to a probation officer employed or contracted for by the county. In cases where a superior court misdemeanant probationer is sentenced in one county, but resides within another county, there must be provisions for the probationer to report to the agency having supervision responsibility for the probationer's county of residence.

((\(\frac{(4+)}{4+}\)) (5) If restitution to the victim has been ordered under subsection (2)(b) of this section and the superior court has ordered supervision, the officer supervising the probationer shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain whether restitution has been made as ordered. If the superior court has ordered supervision and restitution has not been made, the officer shall inform the prosecutor of that violation of the terms of the suspended sentence not less than three months prior to the termination of the suspended sentence.

- Sec. 7. RCW 9.95.210 and 2019 c 263 s 302 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection in granting probation, the superior court may suspend the imposition or the execution of the sentence and may direct that the suspension may continue upon such conditions and for such time as it shall designate, not exceeding the maximum term of sentence or two years, whichever is longer.
- (b) For a defendant sentenced for a domestic violence offense, or under RCW 46.61.5055, the superior court may suspend the imposition or the execution of the sentence and may direct that the suspension continue upon such conditions and for such time as the court shall designate, not to exceed five years. The court shall have continuing jurisdiction and authority to suspend the execution of all or any part of the sentence upon stated terms, including installment payment of fines. A defendant who has been sentenced, and who then fails to appear for any hearing to address the defendant's compliance with the terms of probation when ordered to do so by the court shall have the term of probation tolled until such time as the defendant makes his or her presence known to the court on the record. Any time before entering an order terminating probation, the court may modify or revoke its order suspending the imposition or execution of the sentence if the defendant violates or fails to carry out any of the conditions of the suspended sentence.

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(2) In the order granting probation and as a condition thereof, the superior court may in its discretion imprison the defendant in the county jail for a period not exceeding one year and may fine the defendant any sum not exceeding the statutory limit for the offense committed, and court costs. As a condition of probation, the superior court shall require the payment of the penalty assessment required by RCW 7.68.035. The superior court may also require the defendant to make such monetary payments, on such terms as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, as are necessary: (a) To comply with any order of the court for the payment of family support; (b) to make restitution to any person or persons who may have suffered loss or damage by reason of the commission of the crime in question or when the offender pleads guilty to a lesser offense or fewer offenses and agrees with the prosecutor's recommendation that the offender be required to pay restitution to a victim of an offense or offenses which are not prosecuted pursuant to a plea agreement; (c) to pay such fine as may be imposed and court costs, including reimbursement of the state for costs of extradition if return to this state by extradition was required; (d) following consideration of the financial condition of the person subject to possible electronic monitoring, to pay for the costs of electronic monitoring if that monitoring was required by the court as a condition of release from custody or as a condition of probation; (e) to contribute to a county or interlocal drug fund; and (f) to make restitution to a public agency for the costs of an emergency response under RCW 38.52.430, and may require bonds for the faithful observance of any and all conditions imposed in the probation.

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- (3) The superior court shall order restitution in all cases where the victim is entitled to benefits under the crime victims' compensation act, chapter 7.68 RCW. If the superior court does not order restitution and the victim of the crime has been determined to be entitled to benefits under the crime victims' compensation act, the department of labor and industries, as administrator of the crime victims' compensation program, may petition the superior court within one year of imposition of the sentence for entry of a restitution order. Upon receipt of a petition from the department of labor and industries, the superior court shall hold a restitution hearing and shall enter a restitution order.
- (4) At any time, the court may determine that the offender is not required to pay, or may relieve the offender of the requirement to

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pay, full or partial restitution and accrued interest on restitution to any insurer or entity that is not an individual if the court finds that the offender does not have the current or likely future ability to make full or partial restitution to the insurer or entity that is not an individual. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "entity," "individual," and "insurer" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 9.94A.750(3).

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- (5) In granting probation, the superior court may order the probationer to report to the secretary of corrections or such officer as the secretary may designate and as a condition of the probation to follow the instructions of the secretary for up to twelve months. If the county legislative authority has elected to assume responsibility for the supervision of superior court misdemeanant probationers within its jurisdiction, the superior court misdemeanant probationer shall report to a probation officer employed or contracted for by the county. In cases where a superior court misdemeanant probationer is sentenced in one county, but resides within another county, there must be provisions for the probationer to report to the agency having supervision responsibility for the probationer's county of residence.
- $((\frac{(5)}{(5)}))$  <u>(6)</u> If the probationer has been ordered to make restitution and the superior court has ordered supervision, the officer supervising the probationer shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain whether restitution has been made. If the superior court has ordered supervision and restitution has not been made as ordered, the officer shall inform the prosecutor of that violation of the terms of probation not less than three months prior to termination of the probation period. The secretary of corrections will promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of the person during the term of probation. For defendants found guilty in district court, like functions as the secretary performs in regard to probation may be performed by probation officers employed for that purpose by the county legislative authority of the county wherein the court is located.
- $((\frac{(6)}{(6)}))$  The provisions of RCW 9.94A.501 and 9.94A.5011 apply to sentences imposed under this section.
- 36  $((\frac{(7)}{)})$  (8) For purposes of this section, "domestic violence" 37 means the same as in RCW 10.99.020.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 10.01 RCW to read as follows:

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1 A defendant who has been ordered to pay fines and who has not willfully failed to pay the obligation, as described in RCW 2 9.94A.6333 and 9.94B.040, may at any time petition the sentencing 3 court for remission of the payment of fines or of any unpaid portion 4 thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that payment 5 6 of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the defendant or 7 the defendant's immediate family, the court may remit all or part of the amount due in fines, modify the method of payment under RCW 8 10.01.170, or convert the unpaid amounts to community restitution 9 hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, 10 11 at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 12 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. Manifest hardship exists where the defendant is indigent as 13 defined in RCW 10.01.160(3). 14

15 **Sec. 9.** RCW 10.01.160 and 2018 c 269 s 6 are each amended to 16 read as follows:

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- (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the court may require a defendant to pay costs. Costs may be imposed only upon a convicted defendant, except for costs imposed upon a defendant's entry into a deferred prosecution program, costs imposed upon a defendant for pretrial supervision, or costs imposed upon a defendant for preparing and serving a warrant for failure to appear.
- (2) Costs shall be limited to expenses specially incurred by the state in prosecuting the defendant or in administering the deferred prosecution program under chapter 10.05 RCW or pretrial supervision. They cannot include expenses inherent in providing a constitutionally guaranteed jury trial or expenditures in connection with the maintenance and operation of government agencies that must be made by the public irrespective of specific violations of law. Expenses incurred for serving of warrants for failure to appear and jury fees under RCW 10.46.190 may be included in costs the court may require a defendant to pay. Costs for administering a deferred prosecution may exceed ((two hundred fifty dollars)) \$250. Costs administering a pretrial supervision other than a pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring program, drug monitoring program, or 24/7 sobriety program may not exceed ((one hundred fifty dollars)) \$150. Costs for preparing and serving a warrant for failure to appear may not exceed ((one hundred dollars)) \$100. Costs of incarceration imposed on a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor may not

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exceed the actual cost of incarceration. In no case may the court require the offender to pay more than ((one hundred dollars)) \$100 per day for the cost of incarceration. Payment of other court-ordered financial obligations, including all legal financial obligations and costs of supervision take precedence over the payment of the cost of incarceration ordered by the court. All funds received from defendants for the cost of incarceration in the county or city jail must be remitted for criminal justice purposes to the county or city that is responsible for the defendant's jail costs. Costs imposed constitute a judgment against a defendant and survive a dismissal of underlying action against the defendant. However, defendant is acquitted on the underlying action, the costs for preparing and serving a warrant for failure to appear do not survive the acquittal, and the judgment that such costs would otherwise constitute shall be vacated. 

- (3) The court shall not order a defendant to pay costs if the defendant at the time of sentencing is indigent ((as defined in RCW 10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))). In determining the amount and method of payment of costs for defendants who are not indigent ((as defined in RCW 10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))), the court shall take account of the financial resources of the defendant and the nature of the burden that payment of costs will impose. For the purposes of this section, a defendant is "indigent" if the defendant: (a) Meets the criteria defined in RCW 10.101.010(3) (a) through (c); (b) is homeless or mentally ill as defined in RCW 71.24.025; (c) has household income above 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and has recurring basic living costs, as defined in RCW 10.101.010, that render the defendant without the financial ability to pay; or (d) has other compelling circumstances that exist that demonstrate an inability to pay.
- (4) A defendant who has been ordered to pay costs and who ((is not in contumacious default in the payment thereof)) has not willfully failed to pay the obligation, as described in RCW 9.94A.6333 and 9.94B.040, may at any time ((after release from total confinement)) petition the sentencing court for remission of the payment of costs or of any unpaid portion thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the defendant or the defendant's immediate family, the court may remit all or part of the amount due in costs, modify the method of payment under RCW 10.01.170, or

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convert the unpaid costs to community restitution hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. Manifest hardship exists where the defendant is indigent as defined in ((RCW 10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) subsection (3) of this section.

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- (5) Except for direct costs relating to evaluating and reporting to the court, prosecutor, or defense counsel regarding a defendant's competency to stand trial as provided in RCW 10.77.060, this section shall not apply to costs related to medical or mental health treatment or services a defendant receives while in custody of the secretary of the department of social and health services or other governmental units. This section shall not prevent the secretary of the department of social and health services or other governmental units from imposing liability and seeking reimbursement from a defendant committed to an appropriate facility as provided in RCW 10.77.084 while criminal proceedings are stayed. This section shall also not prevent governmental units from imposing liability on defendants for costs related to providing medical or mental health treatment while the defendant is in the governmental unit's custody. Medical or mental health treatment and services a defendant receives at a state hospital or other facility are not a cost of prosecution and shall be recoverable under RCW 10.77.250 and 70.48.130, chapter 43.20B RCW, and any other applicable statute.
- 25 **Sec. 10.** RCW 10.73.160 and 2018 c 269 s 12 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
  - (1) The court of appeals, supreme court, and superior courts may require an adult offender convicted of an offense to pay appellate costs.
  - (2) Appellate costs are limited to expenses specifically incurred by the state in prosecuting or defending an appeal or collateral attack from a criminal conviction. Appellate costs shall not include expenditures to maintain and operate government agencies that must be made irrespective of specific violations of the law. Expenses incurred for producing a verbatim report of proceedings and clerk's papers may be included in costs the court may require a convicted defendant to pay.
- 38 (3) Costs, including recoupment of fees for court-appointed 39 counsel, shall be requested in accordance with the procedures

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contained in Title 14 of the rules of appellate procedure and in Title 9 of the rules for appeal of decisions of courts of limited jurisdiction. An award of costs shall become part of the trial court judgment and sentence.

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- (4) A defendant who has been sentenced to pay costs and who ((isnot in contumacious default in the payment)) has not willfully failed to pay the obligation, as described in RCW 9.94A.6333 and 9.94B.040, may at any time ((after release from total confinement)) petition the court that sentenced the defendant or juvenile offender for remission of the payment of costs or of any unpaid portion. If it appears to the satisfaction of the sentencing court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the defendant or the defendant's immediate family, the sentencing court may remit all or part of the amount due in costs, modify the method of payment under RCW 10.01.170, or convert the unpaid costs to community restitution hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. Manifest hardship exists where the defendant or juvenile offender is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3).
- (5) The parents or another person legally obligated to support a juvenile offender who has been ordered to pay appellate costs and who is not in contumacious default in the payment may at any time petition the court that sentenced the juvenile offender for remission of the payment of costs or of any unpaid portion. If it appears to the satisfaction of the sentencing court that payment of the amount due will impose manifest hardship on the parents or another person legally obligated to support a juvenile offender or on their immediate families, the sentencing court may remit all or part of the amount due in costs, or may modify the method of payment.
- Sec. 11. RCW 10.64.015 and 2018 c 269 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

33 When the defendant is found guilty, the court shall render judgment accordingly, and the defendant may be liable for all costs, unless the court or jury trying the cause expressly find otherwise. 36 The court shall not order a defendant to pay costs, as described in RCW 10.01.160, if the court finds that the person at the time of sentencing is indigent as defined in RCW (( $\frac{10.101.010(3)}{(2)}$ ) (a) through  $\frac{(c)}{(c)}$ ) 10.01.160(3).

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1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 10.82.090 and 2018 c 269 s 1 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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- (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section and RCW 3.50.100, 3.62.020, and 35.20.220, restitution imposed in a judgment shall bear interest from the date of the judgment or the offender's date of release from total confinement, whichever is later, until payment, at the rate applicable to civil judgments. As of June 7, 2018, no interest shall accrue on nonrestitution legal financial obligations. All nonrestitution interest that is outstanding on the effective date of this section, and that accrued prior to June 7, 2018, shall be automatically waived without motion of the defendant. All nonrestitution interest retained by the court shall be split ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the county current expense fund, and ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the county current expense fund to fund local courts.
- (2) The court may elect not to impose interest on any restitution the court orders. Before determining not to impose interest on restitution, the court shall inquire into and consider the following factors: (a) Whether the offender is indigent as defined in RCW 10.101.010(3) or general rule 34; (b) the offender's available funds, as defined in RCW 10.101.010(2), and other liabilities including child support and other legal financial obligations; (c) whether the offender is homeless; and (d) whether the offender is mentally ill, as defined in RCW 71.24.025. The court shall also consider the victim's input, if any, as it relates to any financial hardship caused to the victim if interest is not imposed. The court may also consider any other information that the court believes, in the interest of justice, relates to not imposing interest on restitution. After consideration of these factors, the court may waive the imposition of restitution interest.
- (3) The court may, on motion by the offender, ((following the offender's release from total confinement, reduce or waive the interest on legal financial obligations levied as a result of a criminal conviction as follows:
- 38 (a) The court shall waive all interest on the portions of the 39 legal financial obligations that are not restitution that accrued 40 prior to June 7, 2018;

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- (b) The court may)) waive or reduce interest on the restitution portion of the legal financial obligations only if the principal has been paid in full ((and as an incentive for the offender to meet his or her other legal financial obligations)). The court may grant the motion, establish a payment schedule, and retain jurisdiction over the offender for purposes of reviewing and revising the reduction or waiver of interest.
- (((3))) (4) This section only applies to adult offenders.

- **Sec. 13.** RCW 7.68.035 and 2018 c 269 s 19 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
  - (1) (a) When any person is found guilty in any superior court of having committed a crime, except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, there shall be imposed by the court upon such convicted person a penalty assessment. The assessment shall be in addition to any other penalty or fine imposed by law and shall be ((five hundred dollars)) \$500 for each case or cause of action that includes one or more convictions of a felony or gross misdemeanor and ((two hundred fifty dollars)) \$250 for any case or cause of action that includes convictions of only one or more misdemeanors.
  - (b) When any juvenile is adjudicated of an offense that is a most serious offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, or a sex offense under chapter 9A.44 RCW, there shall be imposed upon the juvenile offender a penalty assessment. The assessment shall be in addition to any other penalty or fine imposed by law and shall be ((one hundred dollars)) \$100 for each case or cause of action.
  - (c) When any juvenile is adjudicated of an offense which has a victim, and which is not a most serious offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a sex offense under chapter 9A.44 RCW, the court shall order up to seven hours of community restitution, unless the court finds that such an order is not practicable for the offender. This community restitution must be imposed consecutively to any other community restitution the court imposes for the offense.
- 33 (2) The assessment imposed by subsection (1) of this section 34 shall not apply to motor vehicle crimes defined in Title 46 RCW 35 except those defined in the following sections: RCW 46.61.520, 36 46.61.522, 46.61.024, 46.52.090, 46.70.140, 46.61.502, 46.61.504, 37 46.52.101, 46.20.410, 46.52.020, 46.10.495, 46.09.480, 46.61.5249, 38 46.61.525, 46.61.685, 46.61.530, 46.61.500, 46.61.015, 46.52.010, 39 46.44.180, 46.10.490(2), and 46.09.470(2).

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(3) Upon motion by the defendant, the court may waive or reduce the assessment imposed by subsection (1) of this section if the court finds that the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3) and does not have the current or likely future ability to pay.

- (4) When any person accused of having committed a crime posts bail in superior court pursuant to the provisions of chapter 10.19 RCW and such bail is forfeited, there shall be deducted from the proceeds of such forfeited bail a penalty assessment, in addition to any other penalty or fine imposed by law, equal to the assessment which would be applicable under subsection (1) of this section if the person had been convicted of the crime.
- (((4+))) (5) Such penalty assessments shall be paid by the clerk of the superior court to the county treasurer. Each county shall deposit ((one hundred)) 100 percent of the money it receives per case or cause of action under subsection (1) of this section, not less than one and seventy-five one-hundredths percent of the remaining money it retains under RCW 10.82.070 and the money it retains under chapter 3.62 RCW, and all money it receives under subsection  $(((\frac{7}{1})))$  (8) of this section into a fund maintained exclusively for the support of comprehensive programs to encourage and facilitate testimony by the victims of crimes and witnesses to crimes. A program shall be considered "comprehensive" only after approval of the department upon application by the county prosecuting attorney. The department shall approve as comprehensive only programs which:
- (a) Provide comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime with particular emphasis on serious crimes against persons and property. It is the intent of the legislature to make funds available only to programs which do not restrict services to victims or witnesses of a particular type or types of crime and that such funds supplement, not supplant, existing local funding levels;
- (b) Are administered by the county prosecuting attorney either directly through the prosecuting attorney's office or by contract between the county and agencies providing services to victims of crime;
- (c) Make a reasonable effort to inform the known victim or his or her surviving dependents of the existence of this chapter and the procedure for making application for benefits;
- (d) Assist victims in the restitution and adjudication process;
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(e) Assist victims of violent crimes in the preparation and presentation of their claims to the department of labor and industries under this chapter.

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Before a program in any county west of the Cascade mountains is submitted to the department for approval, it shall be submitted for review and comment to each city within the county with a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand. The department will consider if the county's proposed comprehensive plan meets the needs of crime victims in cases adjudicated in municipal, district or superior courts and of crime victims located within the city and county.

(((5))) (6) Upon submission to the department of a letter of intent to adopt a comprehensive program, the prosecuting attorney shall retain the money deposited by the county under subsection (((4))) of this section until such time as the county prosecuting attorney has obtained approval of a program from the department. Approval of the comprehensive plan by the department must be obtained within one year of the date of the letter of intent to adopt a comprehensive program. The county prosecuting attorney shall not make any expenditures from the money deposited under subsection ((4))(5) of this section until approval of a comprehensive plan by the department. If a county prosecuting attorney has failed to obtain approval of a program from the department under subsection ((4))(5) of this section or failed to obtain approval of a comprehensive program within one year after submission of a letter of intent under this section, the county treasurer shall monthly transmit one hundred percent of the money deposited by the county under subsection ((4))(5) of this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund.

((+6))) (7) County prosecuting attorneys are responsible to make every reasonable effort to insure that the penalty assessments of this chapter are imposed and collected.

 $((\frac{(7)}{(7)}))$  (8) Every city and town shall transmit monthly one and seventy-five one-hundredths percent of all money, other than money received for parking infractions, retained under RCW 3.50.100 and 35.20.220 to the county treasurer for deposit as provided in subsection  $((\frac{(4)}{(4)}))$  (5) of this section.

37 **Sec. 14.** RCW 9.94A.6333 and 2018 c 269 s 13 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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(1) If an offender violates any condition or requirement of a sentence, and the offender is not being supervised by the department, the court may modify its order of judgment and sentence and impose further punishment in accordance with this section.

- (2) If an offender fails to comply with any of the nonfinancial conditions or requirements of a sentence the following provisions apply:
- (a) The court, upon the motion of the state, or upon its own motion, shall require the offender to show cause why the offender should not be punished for the noncompliance. The court may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the offender's appearance;
- (b) The state has the burden of showing noncompliance by a preponderance of the evidence;
- 14 (c) If the court finds that a violation has been proved, it may 15 impose the sanctions specified in RCW 9.94A.633(1). Alternatively, 16 the court may:
- 17 (i) Convert a term of partial confinement to total confinement; 18 or
- 19 (ii) Convert community restitution obligation to total or partial confinement;
  - (d) If the court finds that the violation was not willful, the court may modify its previous order regarding community restitution obligations; and
  - (e) If the violation involves a failure to undergo or comply with a mental health status evaluation and/or outpatient mental health treatment, the court shall seek a recommendation from the treatment provider or proposed treatment provider. Enforcement of orders concerning outpatient mental health treatment must reflect the availability of treatment and must pursue the least restrictive means of promoting participation in treatment. If the offender's failure to receive care essential for health and safety presents a risk of serious physical harm or probable harmful consequences, the civil detention and commitment procedures of chapter 71.05 RCW shall be considered in preference to incarceration in a local or state correctional facility.
  - (3) If an offender fails to pay legal financial obligations as a requirement of a sentence the following provisions apply:
  - (a) The court, upon the motion of the state, or upon its own motion, shall require the offender to show cause why the offender

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should not be punished for the noncompliance. The court may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the offender's appearance;

- (b) The state has the burden of showing noncompliance by a preponderance of the evidence;
- (c) The court may not sanction the offender for failure to pay legal financial obligations unless the court finds, after a hearing and on the record, that the failure to pay is willful. A failure to pay is willful if the offender has the current ability to pay but refuses to do so. In determining whether the offender has the current ability to pay, the court shall inquire into and consider: (i) The offender's income and assets; (ii) the offender's basic living costs as defined by RCW 10.101.010 and other liabilities including child support and other legal financial obligations; and (iii) the offender's bona fide efforts to acquire additional resources. An offender who is indigent as defined by RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3) is presumed to lack the current ability to pay;
- (d) If the court determines that the offender is homeless or a person who is mentally ill, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, failure to pay a legal financial obligation is not willful noncompliance and shall not subject the offender to penalties;
- (e) If the court finds that a failure to pay is willful noncompliance, it may impose the sanctions specified in RCW 9.94A.633(1); and
- (f) If the court finds that the violation was not willful, the court may, and if the court finds that the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3), the court shall modify the terms of payment of the legal financial obligations, reduce or waive nonrestitution legal financial obligations, or convert nonrestitution legal financial obligations to community restitution hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. ((The crime victim penalty assessment under RCW 7.68.035 may not be reduced, waived, or converted to community restitution hours.))
- 37 (4) Any time served in confinement awaiting a hearing on 38 noncompliance shall be credited against any confinement ordered by 39 the court.

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- 1 (5) Nothing in this section prohibits the filing of escape 2 charges if appropriate.
- **Sec. 15.** RCW 9.94B.040 and 2018 c 269 s 15 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

- (1) If an offender violates any condition or requirement of a sentence, the court may modify its order of judgment and sentence and impose further punishment in accordance with this section.
- (2) In cases where conditions from a second or later sentence of community supervision begin prior to the term of the second or later sentence, the court shall treat a violation of such conditions as a violation of the sentence of community supervision currently being served.
- (3) If an offender fails to comply with any of the nonfinancial requirements or conditions of a sentence the following provisions apply:
- (a) (i) Following the violation, if the offender and the department make a stipulated agreement, the department may impose sanctions such as work release, home detention with electronic monitoring, work crew, community restitution, inpatient treatment, daily reporting, curfew, educational or counseling sessions, supervision enhanced through electronic monitoring, jail time, or other sanctions available in the community.
- (ii) Within ((seventy-two)) 72 hours of signing the stipulated agreement, the department shall submit a report to the court and the prosecuting attorney outlining the violation or violations, and sanctions imposed. Within ((fifteen)) 15 days of receipt of the report, if the court is not satisfied with the sanctions, the court may schedule a hearing and may modify the department's sanctions. If this occurs, the offender may withdraw from the stipulated agreement.
- (iii) If the offender fails to comply with the sanction administratively imposed by the department, the court may take action regarding the original noncompliance. Offender failure to comply with the sanction administratively imposed by the department may be considered an additional violation;
- 35 (b) In the absence of a stipulated agreement, or where the court 36 is not satisfied with the department's sanctions as provided in (a) 37 of this subsection, the court, upon the motion of the state, or upon 38 its own motion, shall require the offender to show cause why the

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offender should not be punished for the noncompliance. The court may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the offender's appearance;

- (c) The state has the burden of showing noncompliance by a preponderance of the evidence. If the court finds that the violation has occurred, it may order the offender to be confined for a period not to exceed ((sixty)) 60 days for each violation, and may (i) convert a term of partial confinement to total confinement, (ii) convert community restitution obligation to total or partial confinement, or (iii) order one or more of the penalties authorized in (a) (i) of this subsection. Any time served in confinement awaiting a hearing on noncompliance shall be credited against any confinement order by the court;
- (d) If the court finds that the violation was not willful, the court may modify its previous order regarding community restitution obligations; and
- (e) If the violation involves a failure to undergo or comply with mental status evaluation and/or outpatient mental health treatment, the community corrections officer shall consult with the treatment provider or proposed treatment provider. Enforcement of orders concerning outpatient mental health treatment must reflect the availability of treatment and must pursue the least restrictive means of promoting participation in treatment. If the offender's failure to receive care essential for health and safety presents a risk of serious physical harm or probable harmful consequences, the civil detention and commitment procedures of chapter 71.05 RCW shall be considered in preference to incarceration in a local or state correctional facility.
- (4) If the violation involves failure to pay legal financial obligations, the following provisions apply:
- (a) The department and the offender may enter into a stipulated agreement that the failure to pay was willful noncompliance, according to the provisions and requirements of subsection (3)(a) of this section;
- (b) In the absence of a stipulated agreement, or where the court is not satisfied with the department's sanctions as provided in a stipulated agreement under (a) of this subsection, the court, upon the motion of the state, or upon its own motion, shall require the offender to show cause why the offender should not be punished for the noncompliance. The court may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest for the offender's appearance;

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(c) The state has the burden of showing noncompliance by a preponderance of the evidence. The court may not sanction the offender for failure to pay legal financial obligations unless the court finds, after a hearing and on the record, that the failure to pay is willful. A failure to pay is willful if the offender has the current ability to pay but refuses to do so. In determining whether the offender has the current ability to pay, the court shall inquire into and consider: (i) The offender's income and assets; (ii) the offender's basic living costs as defined by RCW 10.101.010 and other liabilities including child support and other legal financial obligations; and (iii) the offender's bona fide efforts to acquire additional resources. An offender who is indigent as defined by RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3) is presumed to lack the current ability to pay;

- (d) If the court determines that the offender is homeless or a person who is mentally ill, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, failure to pay a legal financial obligation is not willful noncompliance and shall not subject the offender to penalties;
- (e) If the court finds that the failure to pay is willful noncompliance, the court may order the offender to be confined for a period not to exceed ((sixty)) 60 days for each violation or order one or more of the penalties authorized in subsection (3)(a)(i) of this section; and
- (f) If the court finds that the violation was not willful, the court may, and if the court finds that the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3), the court shall modify the terms of payment of the legal financial obligations, reduce or waive nonrestitution legal financial obligations, or convert nonrestitution legal financial obligations to community restitution hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. ((The crime victim penalty assessment under RCW 7.68.035 may not be reduced, waived, or converted to community restitution hours.))
- (5) The community corrections officer may obtain information from the offender's mental health treatment provider on the offender's status with respect to evaluation, application for services, registration for services, and compliance with the supervision plan, without the offender's consent, as described under RCW 71.05.630.

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(6) An offender under community placement or community supervision who is civilly detained under chapter 71.05 RCW, and subsequently discharged or conditionally released to the community, shall be under the supervision of the department of corrections for the duration of his or her period of community placement or community supervision. During any period of inpatient mental health treatment that falls within the period of community placement or community supervision, the inpatient treatment provider and the supervising community corrections officer shall notify each other about the offender's discharge, release, and legal status, and shall share other relevant information.

- 12 (7) Nothing in this section prohibits the filing of escape 13 charges if appropriate.
- **Sec. 16.** RCW 10.01.180 and 2018 c 269 s 8 are each amended to 15 read as follows:
  - (1) A defendant sentenced to pay any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs who willfully defaults in the payment thereof or of any installment is in contempt of court as provided in chapter 7.21 RCW. The court may issue a warrant of arrest for his or her appearance.
  - (2) When any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or assessment of costs is imposed on a corporation or unincorporated association, it is the duty of the person authorized to make disbursement from the assets of the corporation or association to pay the obligation from those assets, and his or her failure to do so may be held to be contempt.
  - (3) (a) The court shall not sanction a defendant for contempt based on failure to pay fines, penalties, assessments, fees, or costs unless the court finds, after a hearing and on the record, that the failure to pay is willful. A failure to pay is willful if the defendant has the current ability to pay but refuses to do so.
  - (b) In determining whether the defendant has the current ability to pay, the court shall inquire into and consider: (i) The defendant's income and assets; (ii) the defendant's basic living costs as defined by RCW 10.101.010 and other liabilities including child support and other legal financial obligations; and (iii) the defendant's bona fide efforts to acquire additional resources. A defendant who is indigent as defined by RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3) is presumed to lack the current ability to pay.

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(c) If the court determines that the defendant is homeless or a person who is mentally ill, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, failure to pay a legal financial obligation is not willful contempt and shall not subject the defendant to penalties.

- (4) If a term of imprisonment for contempt for nonpayment of any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs is ordered, the term of imprisonment shall be set forth in the commitment order, and shall not exceed one day for each ((twenty-five dollars)) \$25 of the amount ordered, ((thirty)) 30 days if the amount ordered of costs was imposed upon conviction of a violation or misdemeanor, or one year in any other case, whichever is the shorter period. A person committed for nonpayment of any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment at the rate specified in the commitment order.
- (5) If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the default in the payment of any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs is not willful contempt, the court may, and if the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3), the court shall enter an order: (a) Allowing the defendant additional time for payment; (b) reducing the amount thereof or of each installment; (c) revoking the fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs or the unpaid portion thereof in whole or in part; or (d) converting the unpaid fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs to community restitution hours, if the jurisdiction operates a community restitution program, at the rate of no less than the state minimum wage established in RCW 49.46.020 for each hour of community restitution. ((The crime victim penalty assessment under RCW 7.68.035 may not be reduced, revoked, or converted to community restitution hours.))
- (6) A default in the payment of any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs or any installment thereof may be collected by any means authorized by law for the enforcement of a judgment. The levy of execution for the collection of any fine, penalty, assessment, fee, or costs shall not discharge a defendant committed to imprisonment for contempt until the amount has actually been collected.
- **Sec. 17.** RCW 3.62.085 and 2018 c 269 s 16 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

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1 Upon conviction or a plea of guilty in any court organized under this title or Title 35 RCW, a defendant in a criminal case is liable 2 for a fee of ((forty-three dollars)) \$43, except this fee shall not 3 be imposed on a defendant who is indigent as defined in RCW 4  $((\frac{10.101.010(3)}{(a)}) + \frac{(a)}{(a)}) + \frac{10.01.160(3)}{(a)}$ . This fee shall be 5 6 subject to division with the state under RCW 3.46.120(2), 3.50.100(2), 3.62.020(2), 3.62.040(2), and 35.20.220(2). 7

- 8 **Sec. 18.** RCW 36.18.020 and 2018 c 269 s 17 are each amended to 9 read as follows:
- (1) Revenue collected under this section is subject to division with the state under RCW 36.18.025 and with the county or regional law library fund under RCW 27.24.070, except as provided in subsection (5) of this section.
- 14 (2) Clerks of superior courts shall collect the following fees 15 for their official services:

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- (a) In addition to any other fee required by law, the party filing the first or initial document in any civil action, including, but not limited to an action for restitution, adoption, or change of name, and any party filing a counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim in any such civil action, shall pay, at the time the document is filed, a fee of ((two hundred dollars)) \$200 except, in an unlawful detainer action under chapter 59.18 or 59.20 RCW for which the plaintiff shall pay a case initiating filing fee of ((forty-five dollars)) \$45, or in proceedings filed under RCW 28A.225.030 alleging a violation of the compulsory attendance laws where the petitioner shall not pay a filing fee. The ((forty-five dollar)) \$45 filing fee under this subsection for an unlawful detainer action shall not include an order to show cause or any other order or judgment except a default order or default judgment in an unlawful detainer action.
- 31 (b) Any party, except a defendant in a criminal case, filing the 32 first or initial document on an appeal from a court of limited 33 jurisdiction or any party on any civil appeal, shall pay, when the 34 document is filed, a fee of ((two hundred dollars)) \$200.
- 35 (c) For filing of a petition for judicial review as required 36 under RCW 34.05.514 a filing fee of ((two hundred dollars)) \$200.
- 37 (d) For filing of a petition for unlawful harassment under RCW 10.14.040 a filing fee of ((fifty-three dollars)) \$53.

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(e) For filing the notice of debt due for the compensation of a crime victim under RCW 7.68.120(2)(a) a fee of ((two hundred dollars)) \$200.

- (f) In probate proceedings, the party instituting such proceedings, shall pay at the time of filing the first document therein, a fee of (( $\frac{1}{2}$  two hundred dollars))  $\frac{200}{2}$ .
- (g) For filing any petition to contest a will admitted to probate or a petition to admit a will which has been rejected, or a petition objecting to a written agreement or memorandum as provided in RCW 11.96A.220, there shall be paid a fee of ((two hundred dollars)) \$200.
- (h) Upon conviction or plea of guilty, upon failure to prosecute an appeal from a court of limited jurisdiction as provided by law, or upon affirmance of a conviction by a court of limited jurisdiction, an adult defendant in a criminal case shall be liable for a fee of two hundred dollars, except this fee shall not be imposed on a defendant who is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through (c))) 10.01.160(3). Upon motion by the defendant, the court may waive or reduce any fee previously imposed under this subsection if the court finds that the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW 10.01.160(3).
- (i) With the exception of demands for jury hereafter made and garnishments hereafter issued, civil actions and probate proceedings filed prior to midnight, July 1, 1972, shall be completed and governed by the fee schedule in effect as of January 1, 1972. However, no fee shall be assessed if an order of dismissal on the clerk's record be filed as provided by rule of the supreme court.
- (3) No fee shall be collected when a petition for relinquishment of parental rights is filed pursuant to RCW 26.33.080 or for forms and instructional brochures provided under RCW 26.50.030.
- (4) No fee shall be collected when an abstract of judgment is filed by the county clerk of another county for the purposes of collection of legal financial obligations.
- (5) (a) Until July 1, 2021, in addition to the fees required to be collected under this section, clerks of the superior courts must collect surcharges as provided in this subsection (5) of which ((seventy-five)) 75 percent must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial stabilization trust account and ((twenty-five)) 25 percent must be retained by the county.

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- 1 (b) On filing fees required to be collected under subsection (2) (b) of this section, a surcharge of ((thirty dollars)) \$30 must be collected.
- (c) On all filing fees required to be collected under this section, except for fees required under subsection (2)(b), (d), and (h) of this section, a surcharge of ((forty dollars)) \$40 must be collected.
- 8 **Sec. 19.** RCW 43.43.7541 and 2018 c 269 s 18 are each amended to 9 read as follows:
- (1) Every sentence imposed for a crime specified in RCW 43.43.754 10 must include a fee of ((one hundred dollars)) \$100 unless the state 11 has previously collected the offender's DNA as a result of a prior 12 conviction. The fee is a court-ordered legal financial obligation as 13 defined in RCW 9.94A.030 and other applicable law. For a sentence 14 15 imposed under chapter 9.94A RCW, the fee is payable by the offender after payment of all other legal financial obligations included in 16 17 the sentence has been completed. For all other sentences, the fee is payable by the offender in the same manner as other assessments 18 19 imposed.
- 20 <u>(2)</u> The clerk of the court shall transmit ((eighty)) <u>80</u> percent of the fee collected to the state treasurer for deposit in the state DNA database account created under RCW 43.43.7532, and shall transmit ((twenty)) <u>20</u> percent of the fee collected to the agency responsible for collection of a biological sample from the offender as required under RCW 43.43.754. ((This))
- 26 <u>(3) The</u> fee <u>required in this section</u> shall not be imposed on 27 juvenile offenders if the state has previously collected the juvenile 28 offender's DNA as a result of a prior conviction.
- 29 <u>(4) Upon motion by the offender, the court shall waive all but</u> 30 <u>one previously imposed fee under this section.</u>
- 31 **Sec. 20.** RCW 3.62.020 and 2018 c 269 s 3 are each amended to 32 read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, all costs, fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties assessed and collected in whole or in part by district courts, except costs, fines, forfeitures and penalties assessed and collected, in whole or in part, because of the violation of city ordinances, shall be remitted by the clerk of the district court to the county treasurer at least

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monthly, together with a financial statement as required by the state auditor, noting the information necessary for crediting of such funds as required by law.

- (2) Except as provided in RCW 9A.88.120, 10.99.080, 7.84.100(4), and this section, the county treasurer shall remit ((thirty-two)) 32 percent of the noninterest money received under subsection (1) of this section except certain costs to the state treasurer. "Certain costs" as used in this subsection, means those costs awarded to prevailing parties in civil actions under RCW 4.84.010 or 36.18.040, or those costs awarded against convicted defendants in criminal actions under RCW 10.01.160, 10.46.190, or 36.18.040, or other similar statutes if such costs are specifically designated as costs by the court and are awarded for the specific reimbursement of costs incurred by the state or county in the prosecution of the case, including the fees of defense counsel. With the exception of funds to be transferred to the judicial stabilization trust account under RCW 3.62.060(2), money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the state general fund.
- (3) The balance of the noninterest money received by the county treasurer under subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited in the county current expense fund. Funds deposited under this subsection that are attributable to the county's portion of a surcharge imposed under RCW 3.62.060(2) must be used to support local trial court and court-related functions.
  - (4) Except as provided in RCW 7.84.100(4), all money collected for county parking infractions shall be remitted by the clerk of the district court at least monthly, with the information required under subsection (1) of this section, to the county treasurer for deposit in the county current expense fund.
- (5) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, penalties, fines, fees, and costs may accrue interest at the rate of ((twelve)) 12 percent per annum, upon assignment to a collection agency. Interest may accrue only while the case is in collection status.
- (b) As of June 7, 2018, penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs imposed against a defendant in a criminal proceeding shall not accrue interest. All nonrestitution interest that is outstanding on the effective date of this section, and that accrued prior to June 7, 2018, shall be automatically waived without motion of the defendant.

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- (6) Interest retained by the court on penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs shall be split ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the county current expense fund, and ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the county current expense fund to fund local courts.
- **Sec. 21.** RCW 3.62.040 and 2018 c 269 s 4 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, all costs, fines, forfeitures and penalties assessed and collected, in whole or in part, by district courts because of violations of city ordinances shall be remitted by the clerk of the district court at least monthly directly to the treasurer of the city wherein the violation occurred.
- (2) Except as provided in RCW 9A.88.120 and 10.99.080, the city treasurer shall remit monthly ((thirty-two)) 32 percent of the noninterest money received under this section, other than for parking infractions and certain costs, to the state treasurer. "Certain costs" as used in this subsection, means those costs awarded to prevailing parties in civil actions under RCW 4.84.010 or 36.18.040, or those costs awarded against convicted defendants in criminal actions under RCW 10.01.160, 10.46.190, or 36.18.040, or other similar statutes if such costs are specifically designated as costs by the court and are awarded for the specific reimbursement of costs incurred by the state, county, city, or town in the prosecution of the case, including the fees of defense counsel. Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the state general fund.
- 31 (3) The balance of the noninterest money received under this 32 section shall be retained by the city and deposited as provided by 33 law.
  - (4) All money collected for city parking infractions shall be remitted by the clerk of the district court at least monthly to the city treasurer for deposit in the city's general fund.
- 37 (5)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, penalties, 38 fines, fees, and costs may accrue interest at the rate of ((twelve))

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- (b) As of June 7, 2018, penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs imposed against a defendant in a criminal proceeding shall not accrue interest. All nonrestitution interest that is outstanding on the effective date of this section, and that accrued prior to June 7, 2018, shall be automatically waived without motion of the defendant.
- (6) Interest retained by the court on penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs shall be split ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the city general fund, and ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the city general fund local courts.
- **Sec. 22.** RCW 3.50.100 and 2018 c 269 s 2 are each amended to 17 read as follows:
  - (1) Costs in civil and criminal actions may be imposed as provided in district court. All fees, costs, fines, forfeitures and other money imposed by any municipal court for the violation of any municipal or town ordinances shall be collected by the court clerk and, together with any other noninterest revenues received by the clerk, shall be deposited with the city or town treasurer as a part of the general fund of the city or town, or deposited in such other fund of the city or town, or deposited in such other funds as may be designated by the laws of the state of Washington.
  - (2) Except as provided in RCW 9A.88.120 and 10.99.080, the city treasurer shall remit monthly ((thirty-two)) 32 percent of the noninterest money received under this section, other than for parking infractions, and certain costs to the state treasurer. "Certain costs" as used in this subsection, means those costs awarded to prevailing parties in civil actions under RCW 4.84.010 or 36.18.040, or those costs awarded against convicted defendants in criminal actions under RCW 10.01.160, 10.46.190, or 36.18.040, or other similar statutes if such costs are specifically designated as costs by the court and are awarded for the specific reimbursement of costs incurred by the state, county, city, or town in the prosecution of the case, including the fees of defense counsel. Money remitted under

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1 this subsection to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the state general fund. 2

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- (3) The balance of the noninterest money received under this section shall be retained by the city and deposited as provided by law.
- 6 (4)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, penalties, 7 fines, fees, and costs may accrue interest at the rate of ((twelve)) 12 percent per annum, upon assignment to a collection agency. Interest may accrue only while the case is in collection status.
  - (b) As of June 7, 2018, penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs imposed against a defendant in a criminal proceeding shall not accrue interest. All nonrestitution interest that is outstanding on the effective date of this section, and that accrued prior to June 7, 2018, shall be automatically waived without motion of the defendant.
  - (5) Interest retained by the court on penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs shall be split ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the city general fund, and ((twentyfive)) 25 percent to the city general fund to fund local courts.
- Sec. 23. RCW 35.20.220 and 2018 c 269 s 5 are each amended to 23 24 read as follows:
  - (1) The chief clerk, under the supervision and direction of the court administrator of the municipal court, shall have the custody and care of the books, papers and records of the court. The chief clerk or a deputy shall be present during the session of the court and has the power to swear all witnesses and jurors, administer oaths and affidavits, and take acknowledgments. The chief clerk shall keep the records of the court and shall issue all process under his or her hand and the seal of the court. The chief clerk shall do and perform all things and have the same powers pertaining to the office as the clerks of the superior courts have in their office. He or she shall receive all fines, penalties, and fees of every kind and keep a full, accurate, and detailed account of the same. The chief clerk shall on each day pay into the city treasury all money received for the city during the day previous, with a detailed account of the same, and taking the treasurer's receipt therefor.

p. 44 SHB 1412 (2) Except as provided in RCW 9A.88.120 and 10.99.080, the city treasurer shall remit monthly ((thirty-two)) 32 percent of the noninterest money received under this section, other than for parking infractions and certain costs to the state treasurer. "Certain costs" as used in this subsection, means those costs awarded to prevailing parties in civil actions under RCW 4.84.010 or 36.18.040, or those costs awarded against convicted defendants in criminal actions under RCW 10.01.160, 10.46.190, or 36.18.040, or other similar statutes if such costs are specifically designated as costs by the court and are awarded for the specific reimbursement of costs incurred by the state, county, city, or town in the prosecution of the case, including the fees of defense counsel. Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the state general fund.

- 15 (3) The balance of the noninterest money received under this 16 section shall be retained by the city and deposited as provided by 17 law.
- (4) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, penalties, fines, fees, and costs may accrue interest at the rate of ((twelve))

  20 12 percent per annum, upon assignment to a collection agency.

  21 Interest may accrue only while the case is in collection status.
  - (b) As of June 7, 2018, penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs imposed against a defendant in a criminal proceeding shall not accrue interest. All nonrestitution interest that is outstanding on the effective date of this section, and that accrued prior to June 7, 2018, shall be automatically waived without motion of the defendant.
  - (5) Interest retained by the court on penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs shall be split ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the city general fund, and ((twenty-five)) 25 percent to the city general fund local courts.
- 35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 24.** A new section is added to chapter 3.66 36 RCW to read as follows:
- "Legal financial obligation" means a sum of money that is ordered by a district or municipal court of the state of Washington for legal financial obligations which may include restitution to the victim,

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- 1 court costs, county or interlocal drug funds, court-appointed 2 attorneys' fees, and costs of defense, fines, and any other financial
- 3 obligation that is assessed to the offender as a result of a
- 4 conviction. Legal financial obligations may also include payment to a
- 5 public agency of the expense of an emergency response to the incident
- 6 resulting in the conviction, subject to RCW 38.52.430.
- 7 **Sec. 25.** RCW 10.01.170 and 2018 c 269 s 7 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- (1) When a defendant is sentenced to pay fines, penalties, 9 10 assessments, fees, restitution, or costs, the court may grant permission for payment to be made within a specified period of time 11 or in specified installments. If the court finds that the defendant 12 13 is indigent as defined in RCW  $((\frac{10.101.010(3)}{(a)})$ 10.01.160(3), the court shall grant permission for payment to be made 14 15 within a specified period of time or in specified installments. If no 16 such permission is included in the sentence the fine or costs shall 17 be payable forthwith.
- 18 (2) An offender's monthly payment shall be applied in the 19 following order of priority until satisfied:
- 20 (a) First, proportionally to restitution to victims that have not 21 been fully compensated from other sources;
- 22 (b) Second, proportionally to restitution to insurance or other 23 sources with respect to a loss that has provided compensation to 24 victims;
  - (c) Third, proportionally to crime victims' assessments; and
- 26 (d) Fourth, proportionally to costs, fines, and other assessments 27 required by law.

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28 **Sec. 26.** RCW 10.46.190 and 2018 c 269 s 9 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

Every person convicted of a crime or held to bail to keep the 30 peace may be liable to all the costs of the proceedings against him 31 or her, including, when tried by a jury in the superior court or 32 before a committing magistrate, a jury fee as provided for in civil 33 actions for which judgment shall be rendered and collected. The court 34 35 shall not order a defendant to pay costs, as described in RCW 10.01.160, if the court finds that the person at the time of 36 sentencing is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a) through37  $\frac{(c)}{(c)}$ )) 10.01.160(3). The jury fee, when collected for a case tried by 38

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- the superior court, shall be paid to the clerk and applied as the jury fee in civil cases is applied.
- 3 **Sec. 27.** RCW 9.92.070 and 2018 c 269 s 11 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

Hereafter whenever any judge of any superior court or a district 5 or municipal judge shall sentence any person to pay any fines, 6 penalties, assessments, fees, and costs, the judge may, in the 7 8 judge's discretion, provide that such fines, penalties, assessments, fees, and costs may be paid in certain designated installments, or 9 10 within certain designated period or periods. If the court finds that the defendant is indigent as defined in RCW ((10.101.010(3) (a)11 through (c))) 10.01.160(3), the court shall allow for payment in 12 13 certain designated installments or within certain designated periods. If such fines, penalties, assessments, fees, and costs shall be paid 14 15 by the defendant in accordance with such order no commitment or imprisonment of the defendant shall be made for failure to pay such 16 17 fine or costs. PROVIDED, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any sentence given for the violation of any of the 18 19 liquor laws of this state.

20 **Sec. 28.** RCW 7.68.240 and 2011 c 336 s 249 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

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- Upon a showing by any convicted person or the state that five years have elapsed from the establishment of such escrow account and further that no actions are pending against such convicted person pursuant to RCW 7.68.200 through 7.68.280, the department shall immediately pay over ((fifty)) 50 percent of any moneys in the escrow account to such person or his or her legal representatives and ((fifty)) 50 percent of any moneys in the escrow account to the fund under RCW 7.68.035((fivered)) (5).
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. Nothing in this act requires the courts to refund or reimburse amounts previously paid towards legal financial obligations or interest on legal financial obligations.

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