SENATE BILL 5260

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By Senators Kuderer, Fortunato, Das, Gildon, Hasegawa, Nguyen, and Randall

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring annual reporting from the eviction 2 resolution pilot program; and creating a new section.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. (1) Any superior court, in collaboration 4 with the dispute resolution center that is located within or serving 5 6 the same county, participating in the eviction resolution pilot 7 program as established by order number 25700-B-639 of the Washington supreme court and in conjunction with any standing order of the 8 superior court must report annually to the administrative office of 9 10 the courts beginning January 1, 2022, until January 1, 2025, on the 11 following:

12 (a) The number of unlawful detainer actions for nonpayment of13 rent that were subject to program requirements;

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(b) The number of referrals made to dispute resolution centers;

15 (c) The number of unlawful detainer actions resolved by the 16 program;

17 (d) How many instances the tenant had legal representation either18 at the conciliation stage or formal mediation stage;

(e) The number of certifications issued by dispute resolutioncenters and filed by landlords with the court; and

1 (f) Any other information that relates to the efficacy of the 2 pilot program.

3 (2) By June 1, 2022, and each year until June 1, 2025, the 4 administrative office of the courts must provide a report to the 5 legislature summarizing the report data shared by the superior courts 6 and dispute resolution centers under subsection (1) of this section.

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