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By Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Orwall, Trudeau, Alvarado, Chapman, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Lias, Lovelett, Nobles, Salomon, Slatter, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fines for private detention facilities that
2 deny entry to the department of health for an inspection; and adding
3 new sections to chapter 70.395 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.395
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) In any case in which the department attempts to inspect a
8 private detention facility and is prevented by the private detention
9 facility from entry to conduct an inspection, the private detention
10 facility violates this chapter, and the department, in accordance
11 with the authority under RCW 43.70.095, may assess a civil fine of up
12 to \$1,000 per day for the first 30 days from the department's initial
13 attempt to inspect. If the private detention facility continues to
14 prevent access to the department for inspection after 30 days have
15 elapsed from the department's initial attempt to inspect, the
16 department may fine the private detention facility up to \$10,000 per
17 day for the next 30 days during which the private detention facility
18 continues to prevent access. If the private detention facility
19 continues to prevent access to the department for inspection after 60
20 days from the department's initial attempt to inspect, the department
21 may fine the private detention facility up to \$15,000 per day until

1 access is granted to the department to allow for inspection as
2 permitted in this chapter. Moneys collected under this section must
3 be deposited into the enforcement accountability and community repair
4 account.

5 (2) For the purposes of this section, "department" means the
6 Washington state department of health.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.395
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The enforcement accountability and community repair account
10 is created in the state treasury. All receipts from civil fines
11 charged by the department of health for lack of entry into private
12 detention facilities for the purposes of announced and unannounced
13 inspections under section 1 of this act must be deposited into the
14 account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
15 Expenditures from the account may only be used for providing
16 assistance to individuals or families with members that have been
17 wrongfully detained and released by the court, assaulted, or killed
18 at a private detention facility, or during the process of being taken
19 to a private detention facility, which may include:

- 20 (a) Housing assistance;
- 21 (b) Food assistance;
- 22 (c) Legal services;
- 23 (d) Wage replacement;
- 24 (e) Child care assistance;
- 25 (f) Transportation assistance;
- 26 (g) Grants to nonprofit organizations providing services included
27 in this section to immigrant communities; and
- 28 (h) Financial compensation.

29 (2) Services provided to individuals through this account are not
30 an admission of fault by the state. This section does not create an
31 entitlement to compensation or assistance for any individual.

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