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**SENATE BILL 6286**

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**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 the state's ability to fine private detention  
2 facilities that deny entry to the department of health for an  
3 inspection; and adding 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 department, in  
10 accordance with the authority under RCW 43.70.095, may assess a civil  
11 fine of up to \$1,000 per day for the first 30 days. If the private  
12 detention facility continues to prevent access to the department for  
13 inspection after 30 days, the department may fine the private  
14 detention facility up to \$10,000 per day for the next 30 days. If the  
15 private detention facility continues to prevent access to the  
16 department for inspection after 60 days, the department may fine the  
17 private detention facility up to \$15,000 per day until access is  
18 granted to the department to allow for inspection as permitted in  
19 this chapter. Moneys collected under this section must be deposited  
20 into the federal enforcement accountability and community repair  
21 account.

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

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

5           (1) The federal enforcement accountability and community repair  
6 account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from civil  
7 fines charged by the department of health for lack of entry into  
8 private detention facilities for the purposes of announced and  
9 unannounced inspections under section 1 of this act must be deposited  
10 into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
11 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for  
12 providing assistance to individuals or families with members that  
13 have been wrongfully detained and released by the court, assaulted,  
14 or killed by agents employed by the United States immigration and  
15 customs enforcement, which may include:

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

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

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