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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2349**

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**By** House Committee on Revenue (originally sponsored by Representatives Ludwig, Paris, Appelwick, Riley, Broback, Locke, Winsley and O'Brien; by request of Washington State Patrol)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the state crime laboratory system; and adding  
2 new sections to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**       The legislature declares that it is the  
5 policy of the state that persons convicted of certain crimes shall pay  
6 costs associated with the scientific analysis of forensic evidence.

7       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**       As used in section 3 of this act, "crime  
8 laboratory" means any laboratory operated by the Washington state  
9 patrol in the crime laboratory system created by RCW 43.43.670.

10       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**       (1) When a person has been adjudged  
11 guilty of violating any criminal statute of this state and a crime  
12 laboratory analysis was performed by a state crime laboratory, in

1 addition to any other disposition, penalty, or fine imposed, the court  
2 shall levy a crime laboratory analysis fee of one hundred dollars for  
3 each offense for which the person was convicted. Upon a verified  
4 petition by the person assessed the fee, the court may suspend payment  
5 of all or part of the fee if it finds that the person does not have the  
6 ability to pay the fee.

7 (2) When a minor has been adjudicated a juvenile offender for an  
8 offense which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a violation  
9 of any criminal statute of this state and a crime laboratory analysis  
10 was performed, in addition to any other disposition imposed, the court  
11 shall assess a crime laboratory analysis fee of one hundred dollars for  
12 each adjudication. Upon a verified petition by a minor assessed the  
13 fee, the court may suspend payment of all or part of the fee it finds  
14 that the minor does not have the ability to pay the fee.

15 (3) All crime laboratory analysis fees assessed under this section  
16 shall be collected by the clerk of the court and forwarded to the state  
17 general fund, to be used only for crime laboratories. The clerk may  
18 retain five dollars to defray the costs of collecting the fees.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are  
20 each added to chapter 43.43 RCW.