

5686-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Prentice and McAuliffe)

Brief Description: Establishing a formula for deductions from workers' compensation benefits of inmates and providing for benefits to be sent to department of corrections.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the formula shall include the following minimum deductions from any workers' compensation benefits paid pursuant to RCW 51.32.080: (1) Five percent to the public safety and education account for the purpose of crime victims' compensation;

(2) Ten percent to a department personal inmate savings account;

(3) Twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of incarceration; and

(4) An amount equal to any legal financial obligations owed by the inmate established by an order of any Washington state superior court up to the total amount of the award.

Provides that, if the department of labor and industries has received notice that an injured worker entitled to benefits payable under chapter 51.32 RCW is in the custody of the department of corrections pursuant to a conviction and sentence, the department shall send all such benefits to the worker in care of the department of corrections, except those benefits payable to a beneficiary as provided in RCW 51.32.040 (3)(c) and (4). Failure of the department to send such benefits to the department of corrections shall not result in liability to any party for either department.

Provides that the formula shall not reduce the inmate account below the indigency level, as defined in RCW 72.09.015.