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SENATE BILL 6260

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By Senators Hatfield, King, Padden, Parlette, and Kline

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1            AN ACT Relating to state parks, recreation, and natural resources  
2 fiscal matters; amending RCW 7.84.100; and reenacting and amending RCW  
3 3.62.020.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.62.020 and 2012 c 262 s 1, 2012 c 136 s 4, and 2012  
6 c 134 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7            (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, all  
8 costs, fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties assessed and collected in  
9 whole or in part by district courts, except costs, fines, forfeitures  
10 and penalties assessed and collected, in whole or in part, because of  
11 the violation of city ordinances, shall be remitted by the clerk of the  
12 district court to the county treasurer at least monthly, together with  
13 a financial statement as required by the state auditor, noting the  
14 information necessary for crediting of such funds as required by law.

15            (2) Except as provided in RCW 9A.88.120, 10.99.080,  
16 (~~7.84.100(4)~~), and this section, the county treasurer shall remit  
17 thirty-two percent of the noninterest money received under subsection  
18 (1) of this section except certain costs to the state treasurer.  
19 "Certain costs" as used in this subsection, means those costs awarded

1 to prevailing parties in civil actions under RCW 4.84.010 or 36.18.040,  
2 or those costs awarded against convicted defendants in criminal actions  
3 under RCW 10.01.160, 10.46.190, or 36.18.040, or other similar statutes  
4 if such costs are specifically designated as costs by the court and are  
5 awarded for the specific reimbursement of costs incurred by the state  
6 or county in the prosecution of the case, including the fees of defense  
7 counsel. With the exception of funds to be transferred to the judicial  
8 stabilization trust account under RCW 3.62.060(2), money remitted under  
9 this subsection to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the state  
10 general fund.

11 (3) The balance of the noninterest money received by the county  
12 treasurer under subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited in  
13 the county current expense fund. Funds deposited under this subsection  
14 that are attributable to the county's portion of a surcharge imposed  
15 under RCW 3.62.060(2) must be used to support local trial court and  
16 court-related functions.

17 (4) Except as provided in RCW 7.84.100(4), all money collected for  
18 county parking infractions shall be remitted by the clerk of the  
19 district court at least monthly, with the information required under  
20 subsection (1) of this section, to the county treasurer for deposit in  
21 the county current expense fund.

22 (5) Penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees, and costs may accrue  
23 interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum, upon assignment to a  
24 collection agency. Interest may accrue only while the case is in  
25 collection status.

26 (6) Interest retained by the court on penalties, fines, bail  
27 forfeitures, fees, and costs shall be split twenty-five percent to the  
28 state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund, twenty-five  
29 percent to the state treasurer for deposit in the judicial information  
30 system account as provided in RCW 2.68.020, twenty-five percent to the  
31 county current expense fund, and twenty-five percent to the county  
32 current expense fund to fund local courts.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 7.84.100 and 2012 c 262 s 2 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 (1) A person found to have committed an infraction shall be  
36 assessed a monetary penalty. No penalty may exceed five hundred  
37 dollars for each offense unless specifically authorized by statute.

1           (2) The supreme court may prescribe by rule a schedule of monetary  
2 penalties for designated infractions. The legislature requests the  
3 supreme court to adjust this schedule every two years for inflation.  
4 The maximum penalty imposed by the schedule shall be five hundred  
5 dollars per infraction and the minimum penalty imposed by the schedule  
6 shall be ten dollars per infraction. This schedule may be periodically  
7 reviewed by the legislature and is subject to its revision.

8           (3) Whenever a monetary penalty is imposed by a court under this  
9 chapter, it is immediately payable. If the person is unable to pay at  
10 that time, the court may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the  
11 period in which the penalty may be paid.

12           (4) The county treasurer shall remit the money received under RCW  
13 79A.80.080(5) (~~to the state treasurer~~) as provided in RCW 3.62.020(2)  
14 and (3). Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer  
15 must be deposited in the recreation access pass account established  
16 under RCW 79A.80.090.

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