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1 AN ACT Relating to court costs; and amending RCW 4.84.030 and
2 4.84.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.84.030 and 1987 c 202 s 121 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In any action in ~~((the superior))~~ any court of Washington the
7 prevailing party shall be entitled to his or her costs and
8 disbursements~~((; but the plaintiff shall in no case be entitled to~~
9 ~~costs taxed as))~~ including reasonable attorneys' fees ~~((in actions~~
10 ~~within the jurisdiction of the district court when commenced in the~~
11 ~~superior court))~~. A prevailing governmental entity shall be entitled
12 to recover costs and disbursements but not attorneys' fees.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.84.250 and 1984 c 258 s 88 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter ~~((4.84 RCW))~~
16 and RCW 12.20.060, in any action ~~((for damages where the amount pleaded~~
17 ~~by the prevailing party as hereinafter defined, exclusive of costs, is~~
18 ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars or less,))~~ there shall be taxed and

1 allowed to the prevailing party, except a prevailing governmental
2 entity, as a part of the costs of the action a reasonable amount to be
3 fixed by the court as attorneys' fees. ((After July 1, 1985, the
4 maximum amount of the pleading under this section shall be ten thousand
5 dollars.))

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