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By Representatives R. Fisher, Betrozoff, Forner, Paris, Van Luven and Wineberry; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the limits on liability for loss or damage to
2 baggage by common carriers; and amending RCW 81.29.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.29.050 and 1961 c 14 s 81.29.050 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The liability of any common carrier subject to regulation by the
7 commission for the loss of or damage to any baggage shall ~~((not exceed~~
8 ~~the sum of two hundred dollars for each trunk and its contents, fifty~~
9 ~~dollars for each valise, suitcase or traveling bag and its contents, or~~
10 ~~twenty-five dollars for each box, bundle or package and its contents~~
11 ~~unless a higher valuation is declared at the time of the delivery of~~
12 ~~such baggage to the carrier and assented thereto in writing by such~~
13 ~~carrier: PROVIDED, That in the case of the originating carrier the~~
14 ~~limitation of liability defined in this section shall only apply when~~
15 ~~the passenger or shipper shall have had constructive notice that the~~

1 ~~common law liability of such carrier has been so limited))~~ be set by
2 the commission. The commission will review the amounts periodically
3 and adjust the rate accordingly.