
SENATE BILL 5902

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By Senator Conner.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the efficient collection of public debts; adding
2 a new section to chapter 19.16 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
5 promote the efficient collection of public debts owed to the state of
6 Washington, its judiciary, and its political subdivisions, thus
7 accomplishing a substantial increase in government revenues without an
8 increase in taxation. This is done by creating a public debt
9 collections task force, and by granting public bodies the authority to
10 assess as collection costs the moneys paid for remuneration for
11 services or charges paid to collection agencies employed for the
12 collection of public debts.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The public debt collections task force
14 is hereby created, consisting of one member each representing the

1 attorney general, the treasurer, the department of revenue, and the
2 office of financial management, for the purpose of: (1) Reviewing
3 existing policies and procedures for the collection of public debts in
4 the state of Washington and other jurisdictions; (2) developing model
5 policies and procedures for the fair, efficient, timely, and cost-
6 effective collection of public debts throughout the state of
7 Washington; (3) considering the advisability of requiring state
8 agencies and subdivisions to contract with collection agencies under
9 chapter 19.16 RCW; and (4) preparing a report containing
10 recommendations for a comprehensive state public debt collections
11 strategy, to be submitted to the legislature by January 15, 1992.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 19.16 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Agencies, departments, taxing districts, political subdivisions of
15 the state, counties, and incorporated municipalities are authorized to
16 assess as collection costs the moneys paid for remuneration for
17 services or charges paid to collection agencies for purposes of
18 collecting public debts.