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3 By Committee on State Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that: (1)
8 Accountability for and the efficient management of local government
9 records are in the public interest and that compliance with public
10 records management requirements significantly affects the cost of local
11 government administration; (2) the secretary of state is responsible
12 for insuring the preservation of local government archives and may
13 assist local government compliance with public records statutes; (3) as
14 provided in RCW 40.14.025, all archives and records management services
15 provided by the secretary of state are funded exclusively by a schedule
16 of fees and charges established jointly by the secretary of state and
17 the director of financial management; (4) the secretary of state's
18 costs for preserving and providing public access to local government
19 archives and providing records management assistance to local
20 government agencies have been funded by fees paid by state government
21 agencies; (5) local government agencies are responsible for costs
22 associated with managing, protecting, and providing public access to
23 the records in their custody; (6) local government should help fund the
24 secretary of state's local government archives and records management
25 services; (7) the five-dollar fee collected by county clerks for
26 processing warrants for unpaid taxes or liabilities filed by the state
27 of Washington is not sufficient to cover processing costs and is far
28 below filing fees commonly charged for similar types of minor civil
29 actions; (8) a surcharge of twenty dollars would bring the filing fee
30 for warrants for the collection of unpaid taxes and liabilities up to
31 a level comparable to other minor civil filings and should be applied
32 to the support of the secretary of state's local government archives
33 and records services without placing an undue burden on local
34 government; and (9) the process of collecting and transmitting
35 surcharge revenue should not have an undue impact on the operations of

1 the state agencies that file warrants for the collection of unpaid
2 taxes and liabilities or the clerks of superior court who process them.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 40.14 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 State agencies shall collect a surcharge of twenty dollars from the
6 judgment debtor upon the satisfaction of a warrant filed in superior
7 court for unpaid taxes or liabilities. The surcharge is imposed on the
8 judgment debtor in the form of a penalty in addition to the filing fee
9 provided in RCW 36.18.020(4). The surcharge revenue shall be
10 transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the archives and
11 records management account, or procedures for the collection and
12 transmittal of surcharge revenue to the archives and records management
13 account shall be established cooperatively between the filing agencies
14 and clerks of superior court.

15 Surcharge revenue deposited in the archives and records management
16 account shall be expended by the secretary of state exclusively for the
17 payment of costs and expenses incurred in the provision of public
18 archives and records management services to local government agencies
19 by the division of archives and records management. The secretary of
20 state shall work with local government representatives to establish a
21 committee to advise the state archivist on the local government
22 archives and records management program. Surcharge revenue shall be
23 allocated exclusively to:

24 (1) Appraise, process, store, preserve, and provide public research
25 access to original records designated by the state archivist as
26 archival which are no longer required to be kept by the agencies which
27 originally made or filed them;

28 (2) Protect essential records, as provided by chapters 40.10 and
29 40.20 RCW. Permanent facsimiles of essential records shall be produced
30 and placed in security storage with the state archivist;

31 (3) Coordinate records retention and disposition management and
32 provide support for the following functions under RCW 40.14.070:

33 (a) Advise and assist individual agencies on public records
34 management requirements and practices; and

35 (b) Compile, maintain, and regularly update general records
36 retention schedules and destruction authorizations; and

37 (4) Develop and maintain standards for the application of recording
38 media and records storage technologies.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994."

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