

2 **ESHB 2396** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Law & Justice

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.10 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 Any health care services plan provided to inmates by the department  
10 shall require the inmate to be responsible for a nominal payment of no  
11 less than one dollar per medical encounter, in addition to any other  
12 financial responsibility the inmate may have for medical care. Any  
13 subsequent encounters ordered by the attending health care provider  
14 directly related to the original diagnosis shall not require that an  
15 encounter fee be charged to the offender. Mental health encounters and  
16 medical encounters required for the dispensation of prescribed  
17 pharmaceuticals or for readily apparent injuries or traumas shall not  
18 be subject to the medical encounter fee. The payment shall be deducted  
19 from the personal account of the inmate or paid in person. Necessary  
20 medical services may not be denied due to lack of funds in the inmate's  
21 personal account.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.48 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 Any health care services plan provided to inmates in local jails  
25 may require the inmate to be responsible for a payment of no less than  
26 one dollar per medical encounter, in addition to any other financial  
27 responsibility the inmate may have for medical care. Any subsequent  
28 encounters ordered by the attending health care provider directly  
29 related to the original diagnosis shall not require that the medical  
30 encounter fee be charged to the offender. Mental health encounters and  
31 medical encounters required for the dispensation of prescribed  
32 pharmaceuticals shall not be subject to the medical encounter fee. The  
33 payment shall be deducted from the personal account of the inmate or  
34 paid in person. Necessary medical services may not be denied because  
35 the confined person is unable to pay."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "inmates;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
6 72.10 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 70.48 RCW."

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