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HOUSE BILL 1510

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1            AN ACT Relating to the use of charge cards by officers and  
2 employees of municipal corporations and political subdivisions; and  
3 amending RCW 42.24.115.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.24.115 and 1984 c 203 s 5 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Any municipal corporation or political subdivision may provide  
8 for the issuance of charge cards to officers and employees (~~for the~~  
9 ~~sole purpose of covering expenses incident to authorized travel~~).  
10 Municipal corporations and political subdivisions that issue charge  
11 cards shall adopt rules for:

- 12            (a) The distribution of the charge cards;  
13            (b) The authorization and control of the use of the charge cards;  
14            (c) The credit limits available on the charge cards;  
15            (d) Payments of the bills; and  
16            (e) Other rules the municipal corporation or political subdivision  
17 determines appropriate.

18            (2) Upon billing or no later than ten days of the billing date, the  
19 officer or employee using a charge card issued under this section shall

1 submit (~~a fully itemized travel~~) an expense voucher. Any charges  
2 against the charge card not properly identified on the (~~travel~~)  
3 expense voucher or not allowed following the audit required under RCW  
4 42.24.080 shall be paid by the official or employee by check, United  
5 States currency, or salary deduction.

6 (3) If, for any reason, disallowed charges are not repaid before  
7 the charge card billing is due and payable, the municipal corporation  
8 or political subdivision shall have a prior lien against and a right to  
9 withhold any and all funds payable or to become payable to the official  
10 or employee up to an amount of the disallowed charges and interest at  
11 the same rate as charged by the company which issued the charge card.  
12 Any official or employee who has been issued a charge card by a  
13 municipal corporation or political subdivision shall not use the card  
14 if any disallowed charges are outstanding and shall surrender the card  
15 upon demand of the auditing officer. The municipal corporation or  
16 political subdivision shall have unlimited authority to revoke use of  
17 any charge card issued under this section, and, upon such revocation  
18 order being delivered to the charge card company, shall not be liable  
19 for any costs.

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