

2 **ESSB 6354** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Health Care

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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 43.79 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) In any legal action, or settlement thereof, by the state of
10 Washington to recover moneys expended by the state for the tobacco-
11 related health care costs of state residents, and to the maximum extent
12 permitted by court order, negotiated settlement, or federal law, the
13 proceeds recovered for the state shall be subject to legislative
14 appropriation and shall be deposited in the health services account
15 established by RCW 43.72.900.

16 (2) In any legal action, or settlement thereof, by the state of
17 Washington to recover moneys expended by the state for the tobacco-
18 related health care costs of state residents, the attorney general
19 shall seek a legal resolution of the action that is consistent with and
20 maximizes the effect of subsection (1) of this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
22 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
23 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
24 persons or circumstances is not affected."

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