

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Olympia Washington

**Bil Analysis**

Bil No. HB 2297

Recording auditor documents  
Brief title

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**BACKGROUND:**

The county auditor records deeds and other instruments that are required to be filed with the county.

Legislation was enacted in 1996 establishing requirements for instruments that are filed with county auditors, including margin requirements and matters that must be included on the first page of the instrument. A coversheet also must be filed if some, but not all of these items are not included on the first page of the instrument.

The following matters must be included on the first page of the instrument or cover sheet are: (1) The title of the document; (2) reference numbers of documents assigned or released with reference to the document page number where additional references may be found; (3) the names of the grantors and grantees with reference to the document page number where additional names are included, if applicable; and (4) an abbreviated legal description of the property, if applicable.

The assessor's property tax parcel account number also must be included on the first page of the document, but no express provision is made for including this number on the coversheet.

**SUMMARY:**

The new requirements for instruments that are filed with county auditors are limited to instruments relating to real property.

The coversheet for an instrument that is filed with a county auditor may include the assessor's tax parcel account number.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bills passed.