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HOUSE BILL 1166

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1            AN ACT Relating to property; and amending RCW 63.21.030.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 63.21.030 and 1979 ex.s. c 85 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5            (1) The found property shall be released to the finder and become  
6 the property of the finder sixty days after the find was reported to  
7 the appropriate officer if no owner has been found, or sixty days after  
8 the final disposition of any judicial or other official proceeding  
9 involving the property, whichever is later. The property shall be  
10 released only after the finder has presented evidence of:

11            (a) Compliance with the publication requirement of this chapter;  
12 and

13            (b) If the property is valued at more than twenty-five dollars,  
14 payment to the treasurer of the governmental entity handling the found  
15 property, the amount of five dollars(~~(, or ten percent of the appraised~~  
16 ~~value of the property, whichever is greater)), which amount shall be~~  
17 deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity.

18            (2) When ninety days have passed after the found property was  
19 reported to the appropriate officer, or ninety days after the final

1 disposition of a judicial or other proceeding involving the found  
2 property, and the finder has not completed the requirements of this  
3 chapter, the finder's claim shall be deemed to have expired and the  
4 found property may be disposed of as unclaimed property under chapter  
5 63.32 or 63.40 RCW. Such laws shall also apply whenever a finder  
6 states in writing that he or she has no intention of claiming the found  
7 property.

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