
HOUSE BILL 2401

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By Representatives Sheahan and Hatfield

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1 AN ACT Relating to the courthouse facilitator program; and amending
2 RCW 26.12.240.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.12.240 and 1993 c 435 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A county may create a courthouse facilitator program to provide
7 basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases. The
8 facilitator may refer pro se litigants to lawyers and social services,
9 but may not provide any professional services, even if licensed as a
10 professional provider. The legislative authority of any county may
11 impose user fees or may impose a surcharge of up to ten dollars on only
12 those superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW, or both, to pay
13 for the expenses of the courthouse facilitator program. Fees collected
14 under this section shall be collected and deposited in the same manner
15 as other county funds are collected and deposited, and shall be
16 maintained in a separate account to be used as provided in this
17 section.

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