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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2541**

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**State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1998 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representative Dyer)

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1            AN ACT Relating to designation of tobacco settlement receipts; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    If any provision of this act or its  
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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