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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Government Administration
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Wolfe, Dunn and Mason)

Brief Title: Establishing procedures for handling found property.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises RCW 63.21.030 to limit the amount collected by a government for handling found property.

Does not require an appraisal if the found property is cash.

Requires that, within thirty days of the report the governmental entity shall cause notice of the finding to be published at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the property was found, unless the appraised value of the property is less than the cost of publishing notice.

Provides that the property shall be released only after the finder has presented evidence of payment to the treasurer of the governmental entity handling the found property, the amount of ten dollars plus the amount of the cost of publication of notice incurred by the government entity pursuant to RCW 63.21.010, which amount shall be deposited in the general fund of the governmental entity.