

1512-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Government Administration
(originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Sheldon,
Sherstad, Dunn, Boldt and Chandler)

Brief Title: Collecting the cost of governmental entities using
collection agencies.

HB 1512-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes any governmental entity using a collection agency
to add a collection fee to the outstanding debt, to be paid by the
debtor.

Declares that the amount to be paid for collection services
shall be left to the agreement of the governmental entity and its
collection agency or agencies, but a contingent fee of up to fifty
percent of the first one hundred thousand dollars of the unpaid
debt per account and up to thirty-five percent of the unpaid debt
over one hundred thousand dollars per account is reasonable, and a
minimum fee of the full amount of the debt up to one hundred
dollars per account is reasonable. Any fee agreement entered into
by a governmental entity is presumptively reasonable.