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By Representatives Carrell, Constantine, Esser, Cox, Schindler, Lambert, Kastama, McDonald, Barlean, Lantz, Santos and Hurst

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1 AN ACT Relating to law libraries; adding a new section to chapter  
2 27.24 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there may be  
5 increased efficiencies in the provision of law library services through  
6 the use of available online electronic research tools.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.24 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The state library shall investigate the possibility of  
10 contracting with a vendor or vendors of online electronic legal  
11 research services for the provision of such services state-wide through  
12 the county law library system.

13 (2) If the state library determines that such a contract would be  
14 an improvement in the efficiency of the delivery of law library  
15 services in the counties, after June 30, 2001, the state library may  
16 enter into such a contract. If the state library enters into a  
17 contract, the state library shall provide for the availability of an  
18 online electronic research system at any county law library that

1 chooses to contract with the state library for such services. Any such  
2 system shall allow for librarians and patrons to use the research  
3 services either at the library facility or through electronic  
4 connection with the library.

5 (3) As part of a contract with a county law library, the state  
6 library may charge a fee to any county law library that chooses to use  
7 the system made available by the state library. Subject to any  
8 applicable provisions of chapter 1, Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure  
9 No. 695), a county law library may charge a fee to any patron for the  
10 use of the system.

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