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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5226

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Heavey)

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1            AN ACT Relating to offers of settlement; and amending RCW 4.84.250.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.84.250 and 1984 c 258 s 88 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            Notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 4.84 RCW and RCW  
6 12.20.060, in any action for damages where the amount pleaded by the  
7 prevailing party as hereinafter defined, exclusive of costs, is  
8 ~~((seven))~~ thirty-five thousand ~~((five-hundred))~~ dollars or less, there  
9 shall be taxed and allowed to the prevailing party as a part of the  
10 costs of the action a reasonable amount to be fixed by the court as  
11 attorneys' fees. ~~((After July 1, 1985, the maximum amount of the  
12 pleading under this section shall be ten thousand dollars.))~~  
13 Attorneys' fees provided for in this section accrue to the benefit of  
14 the prevailing party.

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