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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5226**

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**State of Washington**

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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 in RCW 4.84.260, exclusive  
8 of costs, is (~~seven~~) thirty-five thousand (~~five hundred~~) dollars or  
9 less, there shall be taxed and allowed to the prevailing party as a  
10 part of the costs of the action a reasonable amount to be fixed by the  
11 court as attorneys' fees. (~~After July 1, 1985, the maximum amount of~~  
12 ~~the 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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