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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cairnes, O'Brien,
Ballasiotes, Lovick, Koster and Haigh)

Brief Title: Changing provisions relating to jails.

HB 1274-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/12/99)

Provides that a governing unit may require that each person who is booked for confinement at a county or regional jail, and not released upon completion of the booking process, pay a fee of ten dollars to the sheriff's department of the county in which the jail is located.

Provides that a governing unit may seek reimbursement from a nonindigent prisoner for cost of incarceration incurred by the county or city for the maintenance and support of the prisoner in a county or city jail or detention facility, including expenses incurred during a period of pretrial detention if time served during the pretrial detention is credited by the court against any sentence imposed.

Provides that, at any time after the conviction of a prisoner, and after the financial status of the prisoner has been determined or the prisoner has refused or failed to complete and sign the form required by this act, the sheriff of the county, or the administrator of the department of detention or the person appointed to administer a city jail, may issue a written demand to the prisoner for reimbursement of the expenses incurred by the county or city for the prisoner's maintenance and support during his period of imprisonment.

Provides that, if a prisoner fails to make a payment within ten days after it is due, the county prosecutor or the city attorney for an incorporated city may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction within this state seeking recovery of:

- (1) The amount of reimbursement due;
- (2) costs incurred in conducting an investigation of the financial status of the prisoner; and
- (3) attorneys' fees and costs.

Repeals RCW 72.01.415.