

6194-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Oke, Jacobsen, Stevens, Morton, Rasmussen, Gardner and Spanel)

Brief Description: Attempting to limit the incidents of rural garbage dumping.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that it is misdemeanor for a person to litter in an amount greater than one cubic foot but less than one cubic yard in an unincorporated area of a county.

Provides that the person shall also pay a litter cleanup restitution payment equal to twice the actual cost of cleanup, or fifty dollars per cubic foot of litter, whichever is greater.

Directs the court to distribute one-half of the restitution payment to the landowner and one-half of the restitution payment to the law enforcement agency investigating the incident.

Declares that it is a gross misdemeanor for a person to litter in an amount of one cubic yard or more in an unincorporated area of a county. The person shall also pay a litter cleanup restitution payment equal to twice the actual cost of cleanup, or one hundred dollars per cubic foot of litter, whichever is greater.

Directs the court to distribute one-half of the restitution payment to the landowner and one-half of the restitution payment to the law enforcement agency investigating the incident.

Declares that, if a junk vehicle is abandoned in violation of this act, RCW 46.55.230 governs the vehicle's removal, disposal, and sale, and the penalties that may be imposed against the person who abandoned the vehicle.

Declares that it is a class 1 civil infraction as defined in RCW 7.80.120 for a person to abandon a junk vehicle on property located in an incorporated area. If a junk vehicle is abandoned in an incorporated area, the landowner of the property upon which the junk vehicle is located is entitled to recover from the vehicle's registered owner any costs incurred in the removal of the junk vehicle.

Declares that it is a gross misdemeanor for a person to abandon a junk vehicle on property located in an unincorporated area. If a junk vehicle is abandoned in an unincorporated area, the vehicle's registered owner shall also pay a cleanup restitution payment equal to twice the costs incurred in the removal of the junk vehicle. The court shall distribute one-half of the restitution payment to the landowner of the property upon which the junk vehicle is located, and one-half of the restitution payment to the law enforcement agency or jurisdictional health department investigating the incident.