

1 **SB 5426** - H AMD

2 By Representative Esser

3 On page 1, strike everything after the enacting clause and insert
4 the following:

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 27.24.070 and 1992 c 54 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In each county pursuant to this chapter, the county treasurer
8 shall deposit in the county or regional law library fund a sum equal to
9 twelve dollars for every new probate or civil filing fee, including
10 appeals, collected by the clerk of the superior court and six dollars
11 for every fee collected for the commencement of a civil action in
12 district court for the support of the law library in that county or the
13 regional law library to which the county belongs: PROVIDED, That upon
14 a showing of need the twelve dollar contribution may be increased up to
15 fifteen dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees
16 and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies: AND
17 PROVIDED FURTHER, That in each county that increases the twelve dollar
18 contribution rate to fifteen dollars, upon a showing of need by the law
19 library board of trustees, a county legislative body or bodies may
20 impose an additional surcharge not to exceed five dollars or, in the
21 case of a county that maintains more than one library facility, not to
22 exceed ten dollars, for every new probate or civil filing in superior
23 court and an additional surcharge not to exceed two dollars or, in the
24 case of a county that maintains more than one library facility, not to
25 exceed four dollars, for every fee collected for the commencement of a
26 civil action in district court for the purpose of funding the county
27 law library. Any surcharge imposed shall be collected by the clerk of
28 the court and remitted to the county treasurer for deposit in the
29 county or regional law library fund."

EFFECT: Allows a surcharge on top of filing fees only for those counties that take the maximum \$15 contribution out of filing fees to support their law libraries. Limits that surcharge to no more than \$5 in superior court and \$2 in district court, but allows doubling of those amounts in counties that maintain more than one library facility.