

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2477

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Judiciary, February 28, 2002

Title: An act relating to satisfaction of judgments filed by the department of corrections.

Brief Description: Removing requirement for department of corrections to file satisfaction of judgments.

Sponsors: House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Ballasiotes and Lovick; by request of Department of Corrections).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 2/28/02 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Kastama, Vice Chair; Costa, Hargrove, Long, McCaslin, Poulsen, Roach and Thibaudeau.

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Background: Offenders have made payments toward court ordered legal financial obligations directly to a county clerk's office or sent payments to a collection agency. When a judgment for payment of money is not paid through a court clerk's office, but is instead received by the Department of Corrections (DOC), the DOC must file a satisfaction of judgment with the court.

DOC has reported that it is inefficient for their agency to file satisfaction of judgments since the process involves reopening a case that was sent to the clerk for collections in order to verify with the clerk that an offender has paid his or her obligation in full before submitting a satisfaction of judgment to the court.

Summary of Bill: When a judgment for payment of money is not paid through a court clerk's office, DOC is no longer required to file a satisfaction of judgment with the court clerk. The provisions of this bill apply retroactively.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.