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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Carrell, Lantz, Lambert, O'Brien, Lovick, Hunt and Haigh)

Brief Description: Providing procedures for enforcement of court-ordered restitution obligations in courts of limited jurisdiction.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that all court-ordered restitution obligations that are ordered as a result of a conviction for a criminal offense in a court of limited jurisdiction may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action by the party or entity to whom the legal financial obligation is owed.

Declares that all court-ordered restitution obligations may be enforced at any time during the ten-year period following the offender's release from total confinement or within ten years of entry of the judgment and sentence, whichever period is longer. Prior to the expiration of the initial ten-year period, the court may extend the criminal judgment an additional ten years for payment of court-ordered restitution only if the court finds that the offender has not made a good faith effort to pay.

Provides that, if the party or entity for whom a court-ordered restitution obligation has been entered pursuant to this title seeks to enforce the judgment as a lien on real estate, he or she shall commence a lien of judgment upon the real estate of the judgment debtor/obligor as provided in RCW 4.56.200.