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1 AN ACT Relating to inmate booking fees; and amending RCW 70.48.390.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.48.390 and 2003 c 99 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A governing unit may require that each person who is booked at
6 a city, county, or regional jail pay a fee based on the jail's actual
7 booking costs or one hundred dollars, whichever is less, to the
8 sheriff's department of the county or police chief of the city in which
9 the jail is located. The fee is payable immediately from any money
10 then possessed by the person being booked, or any money deposited with
11 the sheriff's department or city jail administration on the person's
12 behalf. If the person has no funds at the time of booking or during
13 the period of incarceration, the sheriff or police chief may notify the
14 court in the county or city where the charges related to the booking
15 are pending, and may request the assessment of the fee. Unless the
16 person is held on other criminal matters, if the person is not charged,
17 is acquitted, or if all charges are dismissed, the sheriff or police
18 chief shall return the fee to the person at the last known address
19 listed in the booking records.

1 (2) A county, city, or regional jail may not charge a booking fee
2 to a contracting entity if it has collected or intends to collect a
3 booking fee from a defendant who has been booked in its jail.

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