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HOUSE BILL 2176

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By Representatives Cody, McDermott and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to separate billing of tenants for water and  
2 wastewater services; and adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            A landlord shall not bill a tenant separately for water or  
7 wastewater services, or engage or authorize a third party billing agent  
8 to bill a tenant separately for water or wastewater services, unless  
9 the water or wastewater service is measured by an individual meter for  
10 that tenant's dwelling unit. If a dwelling unit does not have an  
11 individual meter for measuring the water and wastewater usage in the  
12 dwelling unit, the landlord must include the charge for water and  
13 wastewater services for the dwelling unit as part of the rent due under  
14 the rental agreement for that dwelling unit.

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