

**HB 2079 - S AMD 481**

By Senator Clements

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1 On page 1, line 10, after "(2)" strike all material through  
2 "immediately." on page 2, line 1 and insert "An agency shop fee paying  
3 nonmember of a labor organization has a cause of action in superior  
4 court against the labor organization for wrongful use of agency shop  
5 fees if the labor organization violates subsection (1) of this section.  
6 (3) Upon finding that there is a violation of subsection (1) of  
7 this section, the court shall award the plaintiff damages and the costs  
8 of the suit, including investigative costs and reasonable attorneys'  
9 fees and costs. The court may impose a civil penalty not exceeding  
10 twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation and may grant temporary  
11 and permanent injunctions on such terms as it deems reasonable to  
12 prevent or restrain further violations."

13 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
14 references accordingly.

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "fees;" strike the remainder  
19 of the title and insert "and amending RCW 42.17.760."

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**EFFECT:** Provides nonmembers a with a legal cause of action if a labor organization spends his or her agency shop fees in violation of the affirmative authorization requirement of this statute; in the event of a judgment against the labor organization, the court may impose a \$25,000 civil penalty; removes the emergency clause.