
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2903

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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Rodne, McCoy, Wallace, Moeller, Williams, O'Brien, and Goodman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing equal access to courts for persons
2 with disabilities; and adding a new section to chapter 2.56 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 2.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Washington state courts are required by chapter 49.60 RCW, the
7 law against discrimination, and by 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq., the
8 Americans with disabilities act, to provide equal access to persons
9 with disabilities. To assist the courts to comply with these laws, the
10 administrative office of the courts shall, subject to the availability
11 of funds appropriated for this purpose, create the position of court
12 access and accommodations coordinator.

13 (2) The coordinator shall:

14 (a) Review the needs of courts statewide for training and other
15 assistance required to provide access and accommodation for persons
16 with disabilities;

17 (b) Provide guidance and assistance upon request;

18 (c) Identify appropriate assistive devices and establish a system
19 to improve courts' access to such devices.

1 (3) In carrying out the duties under this section, the coordinator
2 shall consult with persons with disabilities, and shall facilitate
3 communication between the administrative office of the courts and such
4 persons and their representative groups.

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