
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2903

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By House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review (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; adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
6 to read as follows:

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

14 (2) The coordinator shall:

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

18 (b) Provide guidance and assistance upon request;

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

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
8 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
9 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
10 void.

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