
SENATE BILL 6733

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By Senator King

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1 AN ACT Relating to allocating responsibility for court-related
2 costs of involuntary commitment proceedings; and amending RCW
3 71.05.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.05.100 and 1997 c 112 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In addition to the responsibility provided for by RCW
8 43.20B.330, any person, or his or her estate, or his or her spouse, or
9 the parents of a minor person who is involuntarily detained pursuant to
10 this chapter for the purpose of treatment and evaluation outside of a
11 facility maintained and operated by the department shall be responsible
12 for the cost of such care and treatment. In the event that an
13 individual is unable to pay for such treatment or in the event payment
14 would result in a substantial hardship upon the individual or his or
15 her family, then the county of residence of such person shall be
16 responsible for such costs. If it is not possible to determine the
17 county of residence of the person, the cost shall be borne by the
18 county where the person was originally detained. The department shall,
19 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, adopt standards as to ~~((+1))~~ (a)

1 inability to pay in whole or in part, (~~(+2)~~) (b) a definition of
2 substantial hardship, and (~~(+3)~~) (c) appropriate payment schedules.
3 Such standards shall be applicable to all county mental health
4 administrative boards. Financial responsibility with respect to
5 department services and facilities shall continue to be as provided in
6 RCW 43.20B.320 through 43.20B.360 and 43.20B.370.

7 (2) When a person is detained for involuntary commitment under RCW
8 71.05.160, 71.05.230, or 71.05.290, and the commitment hearing occurs
9 in a county other than the county in which the individual was
10 originally detained, the county in which the detention was initiated is
11 responsible for the court-related costs of the commitment.

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