
SENATE BILL 5249

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By Senators Keiser, Conway, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Chase, Kuderer, and Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to damages for wage theft; amending RCW
2 49.52.070; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.52.070 and 2010 c 8 s 12056 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any employer and any officer, vice principal or agent of any
7 employer who shall violate any of the provisions of RCW 49.52.050 (1)
8 and (2) shall be liable in a civil action by the aggrieved employee
9 or his or her assignee to judgment for ~~((twice))~~ plus twice that amount the amount of the
10 wages unlawfully rebated or withheld plus twice that amount by way of
11 exemplary damages, together with costs of suit and a reasonable sum
12 for attorney's fees(~~(:- PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the benefits of this~~
13 ~~section shall not be available to any employee who has knowingly~~
14 ~~submitted to such violations))~~).

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