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SENATE BILL 5342

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By Senators King, Takko, Pearson, and Pedersen; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to the distribution of monetary penalties to  
2 local courts and state agencies paid for failure to comply with  
3 discover pass requirements; and amending RCW 7.84.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.84.100 and 2012 c 262 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) A person found to have committed an infraction shall be  
8 assessed a monetary penalty. No penalty may exceed five hundred  
9 dollars for each offense unless specifically authorized by statute.

10 (2) The supreme court may prescribe by rule a schedule of  
11 monetary penalties for designated infractions. The legislature  
12 requests the supreme court to adjust this schedule every two years  
13 for inflation. The maximum penalty imposed by the schedule shall be  
14 five hundred dollars per infraction and the minimum penalty imposed  
15 by the schedule shall be ten dollars per infraction. This schedule  
16 may be periodically reviewed by the legislature and is subject to its  
17 revision.

18 (3) Whenever a monetary penalty is imposed by a court under this  
19 chapter, it is immediately payable. If the person is unable to pay at  
20 that time, the court may, in its discretion, grant an extension of  
21 the period in which the penalty may be paid.

1        (4)(a) For counties with a population of less than one hundred  
2 thousand on the effective date of this section, the county treasurer  
3 shall remit seventy-five percent of the money received under RCW  
4 79A.80.080(5) to the state treasurer. In all other counties, the  
5 county treasurer shall remit ((the)) all money received under RCW  
6 79A.80.080(5) to the state treasurer.

7        (b) Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer  
8 must be deposited in the recreation access pass account established  
9 under RCW 79A.80.090. The balance of the noninterest money received  
10 by the county treasurer must be deposited in the county current  
11 expense fund.

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