

**2SHB 1148** - S AMD TO HLTC COMM AMD (S-2304.1/21) **513**  
By Senator Padden

**OUT OF ORDER 04/06/2021**

1       On page 6, line 27, after "fees." insert "Funding for a  
2 prevailing hospital to recover the costs of litigation and reasonable  
3 attorneys' fees under this section must be paid from the department's  
4 local account where fees and charges for the regulation of hospitals  
5 are deposited or the state general fund if payment would result in a  
6 cash deficit to the department's local account. The department shall  
7 not increase hospital licensing fees for the sole purpose of funding  
8 a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys'  
9 fees under this section."

EFFECT: Requires the state general fund cover the funding for a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees if payment would result in a cash deficit to the hospital regulatory program account. Prohibits DOH from increasing hospital licensing fees for the sole purpose of funding a prevailing hospital's costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees.

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