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1 On page 9, line 26, after "located." insert "The landlord may and
2 is encouraged to send copies of these notices to the appropriate
3 dispute resolution center electronically. Dispute resolution centers
4 may and are encouraged to forward these notices to the local housing
5 justice project or other civil legal aid program providing tenant
6 defense services."

7 On page 16, after line 28, insert the following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 A default judgment may not be entered against a tenant who has
11 been served with an order to show cause prior to the scheduled
12 hearing date and time set forth in the order to show cause.

13 **Sec. 8.** RCW 59.12.120 and 1989 c 342 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (~~It~~) Except as provided otherwise in section 7 of this act, if
16 on the date appointed in the summons the defendant does not appear or
17 answer, the court shall render judgment in favor of the plaintiff as
18 prayed for in the complaint."

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19 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "programs;" strike "and"

20 On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "59.18.660," strike "and
21 59.18.410" and insert "59.18.410, and 59.12.120; and adding a new
22 section to chapter 59.18 RCW"

EFFECT: (1) Authorizes and encourages landlords to submit the pay
or vacate notice and additional eviction resolution pilot program

notice to the appropriate dispute resolution centers (DRCs) electronically.

(2) Authorizes and encourages DRCs to forward these notices to local or other civil legal aid programs providing tenant defense services.

(3) Prohibits default judgments to be entered against tenants before the scheduled hearing date and time set forth in an order to show cause.

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