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By Senator Wilson, J.

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

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

4 The state is entitled to reimbursement for any rental assistance
5 provided to a tenant through publicly funded rental assistance
6 programs upon a showing that the tenant intentionally failed to pay
7 any outstanding rent debt upon receipt of such rental assistance funds
8 and that the tenant was not suffering any COVID-19 hardship. The state
9 may pursue a civil action to recover such funds and be awarded any
10 court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. This section does not
11 preclude the landlord from taking any collection action to recoup or
12 claim reimbursement for any unpaid rent."

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14 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
15 internal references accordingly.

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21 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "programs;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 59.18.057, 59.18.365,
23 59.18.630, 59.18.640, 59.18.660, and 59.18.410; and adding a new
24 section to chapter 59.18 RCW."

EFFECT: Entitles the state to recover public rental
assistance funds upon a showing that a tenant intentionally
failed to use such funds to pay rent owed and is not
suffering a COVID-19 hardship.

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