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By Representatives Farivar, Senn, Simmons, Bateman, Lekanoff, Pollet, Fosse, and Davis; by request of Department of Corrections

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1 AN ACT Relating to contribution to costs of privileges by
2 incarcerated individuals; and amending RCW 72.09.470.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.470 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 7 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 To the greatest extent practical, all inmates shall contribute to
7 the cost of privileges. The department may require inmates to
8 contribute to the cost of specific privileges designated by the
9 department in accordance with standards that the department shall
10 develop and adopt to ensure that inmates contribute a portion of the
11 department's costs directly associated with providing designated
12 privileges. The department shall establish standards by which inmates
13 shall contribute a portion of the department's capital costs of
14 providing privileges, including television cable access, (~~extended~~
15 ~~family visitation,~~) weight lifting, and other recreational sports
16 equipment and supplies. The standards shall also require inmates to
17 contribute a (~~significant~~) portion of the department's operating
18 costs directly associated with providing privileges, including staff
19 and supplies. Inmate contributions may be in the form of individual
20 user fees assessed against an inmate's institution account,
21 deductions from an inmate's gross wages or gratuities, or inmates'

1 collective contributions to the institutional welfare/betterment
2 fund. The department shall make every effort to maximize individual
3 inmate contributions to payment for privileges. The department shall
4 not limit inmates' financial support for privileges to contributions
5 from the institutional welfare/betterment fund. The standards shall
6 consider the assets available to the inmates, the cost of
7 administering compliance with the contribution requirements, and
8 shall promote a responsible work ethic.

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