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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 7005**

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**State of Washington                      68th Legislature                      2023 1st Special Session**

**By** Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Bateman; by request of Board For Judicial Administration)

1            AN ACT Relating to ; and amending RCW 36.24.050.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.24.050 and 1987 c 202 s 203 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5            The coroner may issue subpoenas for witnesses returnable  
6 forthwith or at such time and place as the coroner may appoint, which  
7 may be served by any competent person. The coroner must summon and  
8 examine as witnesses, on oath administered by the coroner, every  
9 person, who, in his or her opinion or that of any of the jury, has  
10 any knowledge of the facts. A witness (~~served~~) served with a  
11 subpoena may be compelled to attend and testify, or be punished by  
12 the coroner for disobedience, in like manner as upon a subpoena  
13 issued by a district judge.

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