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**HOUSE BILL 1498**

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**By** Representatives Davis, Couture, Macri, Griffey, Walen, Reed, Simmons, Goodman, Parshley, Leavitt, Pollet, Hill, Salahuddin, and Scott

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1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence co-responder programs;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 36.18.010; and adding new sections to  
3 chapter 43.280 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.280  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The domestic violence co-responder account is created in the  
8 state treasury. All receipts from fees imposed for deposit in the  
9 domestic violence co-responder account under RCW 36.18.010 must be  
10 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only  
11 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only  
12 for the domestic violence co-responder grant program created in  
13 section 2 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.280  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) The domestic violence co-responder grant program is created  
17 to be administered by the office of crime victims advocacy.

18 (2) The domestic violence co-responder grant program must:

1 (a) Award matching grants to cities and counties for the purpose  
2 of establishing and operating domestic violence co-responder  
3 programs;

4 (b) Provide contracted technical assistance and training for  
5 grantees related to domestic violence co-responder programs; and

6 (c) Provide contracted services to assist grantees in billing  
7 health insurance for domestic violence co-responder services.

8 (3) For the purposes of this section, a "domestic violence co-  
9 responder program" is a program utilizing domestic violence victim  
10 advocates that are summoned by law enforcement to the scene of a  
11 domestic violence incident and that provide whole family support,  
12 resource connection, and care navigation for victims.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2023 c 340 s 8 and 2023 c 277 s 9 are  
14 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 Except as otherwise ordered by the court pursuant to RCW  
16 4.24.130, county auditors or recording officers shall collect the  
17 following fees for their official services:

18 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-  
19 half by 14 inches or less, \$5; for each additional page eight and  
20 one-half by 14 inches or less, \$1. The fee for recording multiple  
21 transactions contained in one instrument will be calculated for each  
22 transaction requiring separate indexing as required under RCW  
23 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction is the  
24 same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document; the  
25 fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional pages  
26 for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may be  
27 collected only once and may not be collected for each title or  
28 transaction;

29 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight  
30 and one-half by 14 inches or less, \$3; for each additional page eight  
31 and one-half by 14 inches or less, \$1;

32 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and  
33 one-half by 14 inches or less, \$1;

34 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or  
35 without seal, \$2;

36 (5) For issuing a marriage license(~~(τ)~~):

37 (a) An \$8 fee, (this fee includes taking necessary affidavits,  
38 filing returns, indexing, and transmittal of a record of the marriage  
39 to the state registrar of vital statistics); plus ((a#))

1       **(b)** An additional \$5 fee for use and support of the prevention of  
2 child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted monthly to the  
3 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund; ~~plus ((an))~~

4       **(c)** An additional \$10 fee to be transmitted monthly to the state  
5 treasurer and deposited in the state general fund(~~-. The legislature~~  
6 ~~intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the revenue~~  
7 ~~generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced homemaker~~  
8 ~~act, chapter 28B.04 RCW)); plus~~

9       **(d)** An additional \$100 fee to be transmitted monthly to the state  
10 treasurer for deposit into the domestic violence co-responder account  
11 created in section 1 of this act;

12       (6) For searching records per hour, \$8;

13       (7) For recording plats, 50 cents for each lot except cemetery  
14 plats for which the charge shall be 25 cents per lot; also \$1 for  
15 each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED, That  
16 there shall be a minimum fee of \$25 per plat;

17       (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for  
18 the first page eight and one-half by 14 inches or less, \$5; for each  
19 additional page eight and one-half by 14 inches or less, \$1;

20       (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and  
21 indexing system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170;

22       (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided  
23 in RCW 65.04.047, \$50, in addition to all other applicable recording  
24 fees;

25       (11) For recording instruments, a \$3 surcharge to be deposited  
26 into the Washington state library operations account created in RCW  
27 43.07.129;

28       (12) For recording instruments, a \$2 surcharge to be deposited  
29 into the Washington state library-archives building account created  
30 in RCW 43.07.410 until the financing contract entered into by the  
31 secretary of state for the Washington state library-archives building  
32 is paid in full;

33       (13) For recording instruments, the surcharge as provided in RCW  
34 36.22.250; and

35       (14) For recording instruments, except for documents exempt under  
36 RCW 36.22.185(2), an assessment as provided in RCW 36.22.185.

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