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HOUSE BILL 2466

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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Blanton, Quall and D. Sommers; by request of Department of Corrections

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1 AN ACT Relating to offender debts; and amending RCW 72.09.450.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.450 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 4 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) An inmate shall not be denied access to services or supplies  
6 required by state or federal law solely on the basis of his or her  
7 inability to pay for them.

8 (2) The department shall record all lawfully authorized assessments  
9 for services or supplies as a debt to the department (~~and~~). The  
10 department shall recoup the assessments when the inmate's institutional  
11 account exceeds the indigency standard, and may pursue other remedies  
12 to recoup the assessments after the period of incarceration.

13 (3) The department shall record as a debt any costs assessed by a  
14 court against an inmate plaintiff where the state is providing defense  
15 pursuant to chapter 4.92 RCW. The department shall recoup the debt  
16 when the inmate's institutional account exceeds the indigency standard

1 and may pursue other remedies to recoup the debt after the period of  
2 incarceration.

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