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HOUSE BILL 1367

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By Representatives Kirby, Jenkins, Crouse, Green, Fey, Sawyer,  
Kochmar, Fitzgibbon, and Pollet

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1            AN ACT Relating to assessments for nuisance abatement in cities and  
2 towns; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 35A.21 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 35.21 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            A city or town may declare by ordinance what is deemed to be a  
8 nuisance within the city or town, including but not limited to "litter"  
9 and "potentially dangerous litter" as defined in RCW 70.93.030;  
10 prevent, remove, and abate a nuisance at the expense of the parties  
11 creating, causing, or committing the nuisance; and levy a special  
12 assessment on the land or premises on which the nuisance is situated to  
13 defray the cost, or to reimburse the city or town for the cost of  
14 abating it. This assessment shall constitute a lien against the  
15 property, which shall be of equal rank with state, county, and  
16 municipal taxes.

17            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1       A city may declare by ordinance what is deemed to be a nuisance  
2 within the city, including but not limited to "litter" and "potentially  
3 dangerous litter" as defined in RCW 70.93.030; prevent, remove, and  
4 abate a nuisance at the expense of the parties creating, causing, or  
5 committing the nuisance; and levy a special assessment on the land or  
6 premises on which the nuisance is situated to defray the cost, or to  
7 reimburse the city for the cost of abating it. This assessment shall  
8 constitute a lien against the property, which shall be of equal rank  
9 with state, county, and municipal taxes.

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