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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5260

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By Senate Housing & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Kuderer, Fortunato, Das, Gildon, Hasegawa, Nguyen, and Randall)

- AN ACT Relating to requiring annual reporting from the eviction
- 2 resolution pilot program; and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** (1) Any superior court, in collaboration 4 with the dispute resolution center that is located within or serving 5 6 the same county, participating in the eviction resolution pilot 7 program as established by order number 25700-B-639 of the Washington supreme court and in conjunction with any standing order of the 8 superior court must report annually to the administrative office of 9 10 the courts beginning January 1, 2022, until January 1, 2023, on the 11 following:
- 12 (a) The number of unlawful detainer actions for nonpayment of 13 rent that were subject to program requirements;
 - (b) The number of referrals made to dispute resolution centers;
- 15 (c) The number of unlawful detainer actions resolved by the 16 program;
- 17 (d) How many instances the tenant had legal representation either 18 at the conciliation stage or formal mediation stage;
- 19 (e) The number of certifications issued by dispute resolution 20 centers and filed by landlords with the court; and

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1 (f) Any other information that relates to the efficacy of the pilot program.

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(2) By July 1, 2022, until July 1, 2023, the administrative office of the courts must provide a report to the legislature summarizing the report data shared by the superior courts and dispute resolution centers under subsection (1) of this section.

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