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SENATE BILL 6059

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By Senators Brown, Chase, Rivers, Becker, Braun, and Bailey

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1 AN ACT Relating to charges for scanning public records; and  
2 amending RCW 42.56.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.120 and 2005 c 483 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 No fee shall be charged for the inspection of public records. No  
7 fee shall be charged for locating public documents and making them  
8 available for copying or scanning. A reasonable charge may be imposed  
9 for providing copies of public records and for the use by any person of  
10 agency equipment or equipment of the office of the secretary of the  
11 senate or the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives  
12 to copy or scan public records, which charges shall not exceed the  
13 amount necessary to reimburse the agency, the office of the secretary  
14 of the senate, or the office of the chief clerk of the house of  
15 representatives for its actual costs directly incident to such copying  
16 or scanning. Agency charges for photocopies or scanned copies shall be  
17 imposed in accordance with the actual per page cost or other costs  
18 established and published by the agency. In no event may an agency  
19 charge a per page cost greater than the actual per page cost as

1 established and published by the agency. To the extent the agency has  
2 not determined the actual per page cost for photocopies or scanning of  
3 public records, the agency may not charge in excess of fifteen cents  
4 per page. An agency may require a deposit in an amount not to exceed  
5 ten percent of the estimated cost of providing copies for a request.  
6 If an agency makes a request available on a partial or installment  
7 basis, the agency may charge for each part of the request as it is  
8 provided. If an installment of a records request is not claimed or  
9 reviewed, the agency is not obligated to fulfill the balance of the  
10 request.

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