

CHAPTER 72

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2411]

COUNTIES—OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES—
DEFENSE EXPENSE

AN ACT Relating to local government; and adding a new section to chapter 36.16 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 36.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever an action or proceeding for damages is brought against any officer or employee of a county of this state, arising from acts or omissions while performing or in good faith purporting to perform his or her official duties, such officer or employee may request the county to authorize the defense of the action or proceeding at the expense of the county.

If the county legislative authority finds that the acts or omissions of the officer or employee were, or in good faith purported to be, within the scope of his or her official duties, the request may be granted. If the request is granted, the necessary expenses of defending the action or proceeding shall be paid by the county. Any money judgment against the officer or employee may be paid on approval of the county legislative authority.

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CHAPTER 73

[Senate Bill No. 2430]

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION—DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION LABOR DISPUTES

AN ACT Relating to the public employment relations commission; and amending section 47-.64.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 35, chapter 296, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.64.040.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 47.64.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 35, chapter 296, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.64.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Any employee(;) or employee's representative, or (~~Washington toll bridge authority~~) the department of transportation claiming labor disputes shall in writing notify the commission who shall make careful inquiry into the cause thereof and issue an order in writing advising the employee, or his