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**Subject:** Request for an Informal AG Opinion

Hi Yasmin,

I have a constituent issue I am hoping to get clarity on. I was hoping for an informal AG Opinion on the following:

Can a municipality cite RCW 35.80.030 (1)(h) and place a lien for collection with the Country Treasurer as a Tax Lien without doing the repairs, alterations, improvements; or vacating and closing; or removal or demolition work stated in the RCW. In other words, can a municipality assess a lien to be collected as property tax based solely on an administrative hearing fee?

I included Rep. Ormsby in this email because he also met with constituents in regards to this issue. I will forward along some additional background, and appreciate hearing back on this issue.

Thanks,

Marcus



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