HOUSE BILL 1673

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By Representative Green; by request of Department of Personnel

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1 AN ACT Relating to the employee assistance program; and amending 2 RCW 41.04.730.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.730 and 1990 c 60 s 304 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 Individual employees' participation in the employee assistance 7 program and all individually identifiable information gathered in the 8 process of conducting the program shall be held in strict confidence; 9 except that agency management may be provided with the following 10 information about employees referred by that agency management due to 11 poor job performance:

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(1) Whether or not the referred employee made an appointment;

13 (2) The date and time the employee arrived and departed;

14 (3) Whether the employee agreed to follow the advice of counselors; 15 and

16 (4) Whether further appointments were scheduled.

Participation or nonparticipation by any employee in the employee assistance program shall not be ((a)) <u>the sole</u> factor in any decision

- 1 affecting an employee's job security, promotional opportunities,
- 2 corrective or disciplinary action, or other employment rights.

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