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Kilmer, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

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1            AN ACT Relating to transparency in state expenditures; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.88 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature, by enacting  
5 section 2 of this act, is to make state revenue and expenditure data as  
6 open, transparent, and publicly accessible as possible. Increasing the  
7 ease of public access to state budget data, particularly where the data  
8 are currently available from disparate internal government sources but  
9 are difficult for the public to collect and efficiently aggregate,  
10 significantly contributes to governmental accountability, public  
11 participation, agency efficiency, and open government.

12           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14           By January 1, 2009, the office of financial management shall  
15 establish and make available to the public a state expenditure  
16 information web site. The state expenditure information web site shall  
17 contain the following information for the prior fiscal year, with the

1 data in each of the following categories linked to the other  
2 categories:

- 3 (1) State expenditures by fund or account;
- 4 (2) State expenditures by agency, program, subprogram, and budget  
5 activity;
- 6 (3) State revenues by source;
- 7 (4) State expenditures by revenue source;
- 8 (5) State expenditures by budget object and subobject; and
- 9 (6) State agency workloads, caseloads, performance measurements,  
10 and recent performance audits.

11 "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state  
12 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,  
13 legislative, or judicial branches.

14 The state expenditure information web site shall be updated  
15 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the  
16 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained as a historical  
17 database, with links to the ten-year budget data maintained by the  
18 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee under  
19 chapter 44.48 RCW.

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