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HOUSE BILL 1256

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By Representatives Chase, Appleton, Miloscia, Hunt, and Nelson

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1            AN ACT Relating to ethical conduct with regard to private gain; and  
2 amending RCW 42.52.160.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.52.160 and 1996 c 213 s 7 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) No state officer or state employee may employ or use any  
7 person, money, or property under the officer's or employee's official  
8 control or direction, or in his or her official custody, for the  
9 private benefit or gain of the officer, employee, or another.

10            (2) This section does not prohibit the use of public resources to  
11 benefit others as part of a state officer's or state employee's  
12 official duties.

13            (3) This section does not prohibit the selling of merchandise or  
14 services under the terms of a contract with an official wellness  
15 program of a state agency.

16            (4) The appropriate ethics boards may adopt rules providing  
17 exceptions to this section for occasional use of the state officer or

1 state employee, of de minimis cost and value, if the activity does not  
2 result in interference with the proper performance of public duties.

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