
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5303

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Heavey, Quigley, Winsley, Deccio, Hochstatter and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to official travel by public officers and
2 employees; amending RCW 42.23.050; adding a new section to chapter
3 42.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW; creating a new
4 section; and prescribing penalties.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the practice of
7 some public officers and employees of using first class airplane
8 accommodations if traveling on public business is a wasteful use of
9 public resources.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.04 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Any state or local government officer, whether elected or
13 appointed, and any state or local government employee who is required
14 to travel in the discharge of the duties of his or her position or
15 employment at public expense shall minimize travel expenses when travel
16 by commercial air carrier is required, by traveling at the least-
17 expensive fare available for the most direct and timely routing on the

1 carrier selected unless otherwise required as a reasonable
2 accommodation for persons with disabilities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 A violation of section 2 of this act constitutes a violation of
6 this chapter.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.23.050 and 1961 c 268 s 6 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Any contract made in violation of the provisions of this ((act))
10 chapter shall be void and the performance thereof, in full or in part,
11 by a contracting party shall not be the basis of any claim against the
12 municipality. Any officer violating the provisions of this ((act))
13 chapter shall be liable to the municipality of which he or she is an
14 officer for a penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars, in
15 addition to such other civil or criminal liability or penalty as may
16 otherwise be imposed upon him or her by law.

17 In addition to all other penalties, civil or criminal, the
18 violation by any officer of the provisions of this ((act)) chapter or
19 of section 2 of this act shall work a forfeiture of his or her office.

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