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SENATE BILL 6555

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By Senator Sutherland

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1 AN ACT Relating to electronic access equipment; and adding a new 2 section to chapter 43.19 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW 5 to read as follows:

6 Before the sale or exchange of state-owned equipment, the division 7 of purchasing shall make available for use at no cost, or the least possible cost, to local governments and nonprofit organizations whose 8 primary purpose is to widely distribute government and community 9 10 information in electronic formats, any equipment that could be used to expand public electronic access to government information. For the 11 12 purposes of this section, state equipment includes, but is not limited 13 to, computer hardware, computer software, facsimile machines, and 14 telecommunications equipment. The division shall donate or sell the 15 equipment if the following conditions have been met:

(1) The division of purchasing has made reasonable efforts to
determine if any state agency has a requirement for the equipment and
no such agency has been identified;

1 (2) The recipient of the equipment is a government of local 2 jurisdiction within the state of Washington, or a nonprofit 3 organization whose primary purpose is to widely distribute government 4 and community information in electronic formats;

5 (3) The equipment is being used solely to expand public electronic 6 access to government and community information to Washington residents.

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