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By Senators Prince, Bauer, Wojahn, Horn, Oke and Winsley; by request of Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing the department of social and health
2 services access to employment security department data on clients in
3 the job opportunities and basic skills training program and any
4 subsequent state welfare program; adding a new section to chapter 50.13
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and creating a new
6 section.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to allow
9 the department of social and health services access to employment
10 security department confidential employer wage files, for statistical
11 analysis and the evaluation of work force participation of clients in
12 the job opportunities and basic skills training program and any
13 subsequent state welfare program. This information is needed to
14 monitor and evaluate welfare client outcomes in employment and to
15 fulfill agency performance outcome measures for its welfare program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 50.13 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 The employment security department shall provide to department of
2 social and health services confidential employer wage information for
3 clients in the job opportunities and basic skills training program and
4 any subsequent state welfare program whose names and social security
5 numbers have been provided under section 3(1) of this act. The
6 information may be used only for statistical analysis and welfare
7 program evaluation purposes as provided in section 3 of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The department shall annually provide the employment security
11 department with the names and social security numbers of all clients in
12 the job opportunities and basic skills training program and any
13 subsequent state welfare program.

14 (2) The information provided by the employment security department
15 under section 2 of this act for statistical analysis and welfare
16 program evaluation purposes may be used only to measure the work force
17 participation of clients in the job opportunities and basic skills
18 training program and any subsequent state welfare program. Through
19 individual matches with accessed employment security department
20 confidential employer wage files, the department of social and health
21 services shall report only aggregate, statistical, group level data.

22 (3) The department shall protect the privacy of confidential
23 personal data supplied under section 2 of this act consistent with
24 federal law, chapter 50.13 RCW, and the terms and conditions of a
25 formal data-sharing agreement between the two departments. The misuse
26 or unauthorized use of confidential data supplied by the employment
27 security department is subject to the penalties in RCW 50.13.080.

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