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## SENATE BILL 6316


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By Senators Zarelli and Kline

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to discovery in actions or proceedings against the
- 2 state; and adding a new section to chapter 4.92 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 4.92 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 In accordance with the rules of the court or unless otherwise
- 7 limited by order of the court, parties who have properly brought an
- 8 action or proceeding for damages against the state of Washington,
- 9 whether the state is acting in its governmental or proprietary
- 10 capacity, may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged,
- 11 which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action.
- 12 The state's response shall state, with respect to each item or
- 13 category, that inspection and related activities will be permitted as
- 14 requested, unless the request is objected to, in which event the
- 15 reasons for the objection shall be stated along with instructions on
- 16 how to legally acquire documents withheld for the reasons of
- 17 confidentiality or privilege.

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