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1 AN ACT Relating to confidentiality of certain public transportation  
2 information; and adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The names and other identifying or personally identifiable  
7 information of, or relating to, the following persons, which  
8 information is maintained by a public agency performing public  
9 transportation functions, are exempt from disclosure under this  
10 chapter:

11 (a) Current or former participants, applicants, and potential  
12 participants in any vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing programs  
13 processed or administered by such public agency, except that the agency  
14 may disclose this information to persons or entities that are  
15 participating or applying to participate in those programs;

16 (b) Persons who acquire and use transit passes and other fare  
17 media, except that the agency may disclose this information to a  
18 person, employer, educational institution, or other entity that is

1 responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the cost of acquiring  
2 or using a transit pass or other fare media;

3 (c) Current or former participants or applicants in a paratransit  
4 or other transit service operated for the benefit of persons with  
5 disabilities or elderly persons;

6 (d) Persons who submit complaints about public transportation  
7 services; and

8 (e) Persons who apply for or participate in other public  
9 transportation programs administered by such public agencies.

10 (2) This section does not apply to published statistical  
11 compilations and reports relating to public transportation programs  
12 that do not provide information that identifies or could be used to  
13 identify specific individuals.

14 (3) This section does not prohibit such public agencies from  
15 disclosing at their discretion any information exempted under this  
16 section. This section does not create a right of privacy in the  
17 information exempted by this section, and no person, as a result of  
18 this section, has a cause of action on account of the release of  
19 information covered by this section.

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