

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1158

**Collect information from truck tractor,
or trailer intelligence systems.**

Brief title

Hearing Date: 1/27/99

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Sponsor (s)

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BACKGROUND:

The open public records law was approved by state voters in 1972 as part of Initiative Measure No. 276. All public records of state agencies and local governments are open to public inspection and copying, unless law expressly excludes the public records from public inspection and copying. This disclosure requirement is liberally construed and any exceptions are narrowly construed.

Among the express exclusions the following public records are not available for inspection and copying: (1) personal information the disclosure of which would violate the right to privacy; (2) certain taxpayer information; (3) certain financial and commercial information supplied by individuals applying for various programs; and (4) residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of public utility customers.

In a few instances information in public records is provided more extensive protection from public disclosure by being declared confidential and prohibited from being disclosed. For example, bills prepared by the Code Reviser of State are expressly declared confidential.

SUMMARY:

Information in government agencies collected by the use of an intelligence sports system comparable to the equipment used in the intelligence subject to public disclosure. However, the information may be given to other government agencies, the owners of the truck tractor or trailer from which it was obtained.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment session which bill passed.