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## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1777

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Chandler, Schindler, McMorris, Dunshee, Romero and Lantz)

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- AN ACT Relating to technical assistance documents; and amending RCW
- 2 43.05.010.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.05.010 and 1995 c 403 s 602 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- 6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 7 this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 8 (1) "Civil penalty" means a monetary penalty administratively
- 9 issued by a regulatory agency for noncompliance with state or federal
- 10 law or rules. The term does not include any criminal penalty, damage
- 11 assessments, wages, premiums, or taxes owed, or interest or late fees
- 12 on any existing obligation.
- 13 (2) "Regulatory agency" means an agency as defined in RCW 34.05.010
- 14 that has the authority to issue civil penalties. The term does not
- 15 include the state patrol or any institution of higher education as
- 16 defined in RCW 28B.10.016.
- 17 (3) "Technical assistance" includes:
- 18 (a) Information on the laws, rules, and compliance methods and
- 19 technologies applicable to the regulatory agency's programs;
- 20 (b) Information on methods to avoid compliance problems;

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(c) Assistance in applying for permits; and

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- 2 (d) Information on the mission, goals, and objectives of the 3 program.
- 4 (4) "Technical assistance documents" means documents prepared to
  5 provide information specified in subsection (3) of this section
  6 entitled a technical assistance document by the agency head or its
  7 designee. Technical assistance documents do not include notices of
  8 correction, violation, or enforcement action. Technical assistance
  9 documents do not impose mandatory obligations or serve as the basis for
  10 a citation.

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