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HOUSE BILL 2242

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to good faith communications to self-regulatory
- 2 organizations delegated authority by government agencies; and amending
- 3 RCW 4.24.510.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.510 and 1989 c 234 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 A person who in good faith communicates a complaint or information
- 8 to any agency of federal, state, or local government, or to any self-
- 9 regulatory organization that has been delegated authority by a federal,
- 10 state, or local government agency and is subject to oversight by the
- 11 <u>delegating agency</u>, is immune from civil liability for claims based upon
- 12 the communication to the agency or organization regarding any matter
- 13 reasonably of concern to that agency ((shall be immune from civil
- 14 liability on claims based upon the communication to the agency)) or
- 15 organization. A person prevailing upon the defense provided for in
- 16 this section shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable
- 17 attorneys' fees incurred in establishing the defense.

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