CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5928

Chapter 54, Laws of 1999

56th Legislature 1999 Regular Session

GOOD FAITH COMMUNICATIONS -- SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the Senate March 13, 1999 CERTIFICATE YEAS 46 NAYS 0 I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do BRAD OWEN hereby certify that the attached is President of the Senate SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5928 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon Passed by the House April 7, 1999 YEAS 90 NAYS 0 set forth. CLYDE BALLARD TONY M. COOK Speaker of the Secretary House of Representatives FRANK CHOPP Speaker of the House of Representatives Approved April 20, 1999 FILED April 20, 1999 - 3:19 p.m.

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Governor of the State of Washington

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State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

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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 regulates persons involved in the
- 10 securities or futures business and that has been delegated authority by
- 11 a federal, state, or local government agency and is subject to
- 12 oversight by the delegating agency, is immune from civil liability for
- 13 claims based upon the communication to the agency or organization
- 14 regarding any matter reasonably of concern to that agency ((shall be
- 15 immune from civil liability on claims based upon the communication to
- 16 the agency)) or organization. A person prevailing upon the defense
- 17 provided for in this section shall be entitled to recover costs and
- 18 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in establishing the defense.

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