HOUSE BILL 2090

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By Representatives Carrell, Boldt, Lambert, McMorris, Veloria, Bush, Esser, Ericksen and Lantz

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1 AN ACT Relating to causes of action against the department of 2 social and health services for the use or release of false or 3 inaccurate information in department records; and adding a new section 4 to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW 7 to read as follows:

8 A person has a cause of action for damages against the department 9 if the department maintains in any of its records information 10 pertaining to the person that the department knows or reasonably should 11 know is false or inaccurate and the use or release of the false or 12 inaccurate information causes injury to the person. Damages that may 13 be recovered include pecuniary damages and damages for emotional 14 distress and mental anguish.

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