HOUSE BILL 2699

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By Representatives Lantz, Ahern, Benson, Crouse, Morell, Miloscia, Schindler, Dunshee and Esser

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1 AN ACT Relating to communications with government branches or 2 agencies and self-regulatory organizations; and amending RCW 4.24.510.

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

4 **sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.510 and 1999 c 54 s 1 are each amended to read as 5 follows:

A person who ((in good faith)) communicates a complaint or 6 7 information to any branch or agency of federal, state, or local government, or to any self-regulatory organization that regulates 8 persons involved in the securities or futures business and that has 9 10 been delegated authority by a federal, state, or local government agency and is subject to oversight by the delegating agency, is immune 11 from civil liability for claims based upon the communication to the 12 13 agency or organization regarding any matter reasonably of concern to 14 that agency or organization. A person prevailing upon the defense 15 provided for in this section ((shall be)) is entitled to recover 16 ((costs)) expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in 17 establishing the defense.

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