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By Senators Kline, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Fairley,  
Pridemore and McAuliffe

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1            AN ACT Relating to reporting drug overdoses; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 69.50 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) A person shall not be charged, subject to civil forfeiture, or  
7 otherwise prosecuted for a violation of this chapter if:

8            (a) The person was a witness to a drug overdose;

9            (b) The person reasonably believed that the overdose would result  
10 in an imminent threat to the health or life of the overdose victim;

11            (c) The person reported the drug overdose to law enforcement or  
12 summoned medical assistance at the time it was witnessed; and

13            (d) All evidence of the specific violation was gained as a result  
14 of the person's report.

15            (2) This section does not apply to prosecutions under RCW  
16 69.50.415.

17            (3) This section does not apply to prosecutions where the person

1 who reported the overdose sold the drugs to the victim.

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