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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Brandland, Tom, Zarelli, Kastama, Weinstein, Kilmer, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transparency in state expenditures; adding a new
2 section to chapter 44.48 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.88
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is to make
6 state revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publicly
7 accessible as possible. Increasing the ease of public access to state
8 budget data, particularly where the data are currently available from
9 disparate internal government sources but are difficult for the public
10 to collect and efficiently aggregate, significantly contributes to
11 governmental accountability, public participation, agency efficiency,
12 and open government.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.48 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of financial
16 management, using existing databases and structures currently shared,
17 the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability program
18 committee shall establish and make available to the public a state

1 expenditure information web site. The state expenditure information
2 web site shall provide access to current budget data, access to current
3 accounting data for budgeted expenditures and staff, and access to
4 historical data. At a minimum, the web site will provide access or
5 links to the following information as data are available:

- 6 (1) State expenditures by fund or account;
- 7 (2) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;
- 8 (3) State revenues by major source and source;
- 9 (4) State expenditures by object and subobject;
- 10 (5) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures;

11 and

- 12 (6) State agency budget data by activity.

13 "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state
14 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,
15 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher
16 education.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 The office of financial management, in conjunction with the public
20 disclosure commission, shall establish a database that links (1) the
21 database of state agency contracts for personal services and purchased
22 services required to be filed with the office of financial management
23 under chapter 39.29 RCW, and (2) the database of campaign contributions
24 required to be reported to the public disclosure commission under
25 chapter 42.17 RCW. The database established under this section shall
26 be accessible to the public, without charge, on the internet.

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