

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 1234

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing law enforcement crime prevention efforts regarding security alarm systems and crime watch programs for residential and commercial locations.

Sponsors: Representatives Moscoso, Hope, Klippert, Lytton, Johnson, Rivers, Jinkins, Ladenburg, Ryu, Reykdal, Fitzgibbon and Maxwell.

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs
Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections

Background:

The Public Records Act requires that state and local government agencies make public records available for public inspection and copying unless the records fall within certain statutory exemptions. The provisions requiring public records disclosure must be interpreted liberally and the exemptions narrowly in order to effectuate a general policy favoring disclosure.

Summary:

Personally identifying information regarding local security alarm system programs and vacation crime watch programs collected by law enforcement agencies is exempt from public disclosure. However, the exemption does not prohibit the legal owner of a residence or business from accessing information pertinent to his or her residence or business.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
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Senate	49	0

Effective: June 7, 2012

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