
SENATE BILL 5852

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing the organized militia of this state
2 from being used to enforce federal immigration laws; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.06 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's
7 national and state guard is made up of men and women who are
8 dedicated to their mission of safeguarding the lives, property, and
9 economy of Washington state. They deploy during times of state
10 emergency to augment local jurisdictions and responders in their
11 efforts to protect lives and property. The legislature further finds
12 it is not within the guard's mission to enforce federal immigration
13 laws.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 The governor shall not enter into any written agreements with the
17 United States attorney general under the authority provided in 8
18 U.S.C. Sec. 1357(g) of the immigration and nationality act that
19 enables the organized militia of this state as defined in RCW

1 38.04.010 to perform federal immigration law enforcement functions in
2 Washington state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
5 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
6 effect immediately.

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