AN ACT Relating to consumer protection of internet privacy; and
adding new sections to chapter 43.105 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.105
RCW to read as follows:

No telecommunications or internet service provider that has entered into a franchise agreement, right-of-way agreement, or other contract with the state of Washington or a political subdivision, or that uses facilities that are subject to such agreements, even if it is not a party to the agreement, may collect personal information from a customer resulting from the customer's use of the telecommunications or internet service provider without express written approval from the customer. A telecommunications or internet service provider may not refuse to provide its services to a customer on the grounds that the customer has not approved collection of the customer's personal information.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.105
RCW to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the practices covered by section 1 of this act are matters vitally affecting the public interest for the
purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of section 1 of this act is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition for purposes of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

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