
HOUSE BILL 1673

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting information relating to the
2 regulation of explosives from public disclosure; amending RCW
3 42.56.460; and adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.460 and 2005 c 274 s 426 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All records obtained and all reports produced as required by
8 state fireworks law, chapter 70.77 RCW, are exempt from disclosure
9 under this chapter.

10 (2) All records obtained and all reports submitted as required by
11 the Washington state explosives act, chapter 70.74 RCW, are exempt
12 from disclosure under this chapter. Nothing in this subsection (2)
13 shall be construed to restrict access to information related to the
14 regulatory duties or actions of any agency.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 By December 1, 2023, the public records exemptions accountability
18 committee, in addition to its duties in RCW 42.56.140, must prepare
19 and submit a report to the legislature that includes recommendations
20 on whether the exemption created in RCW 42.56.460(2) should be

1 continued, modified, or terminated. No recommendations or action from
2 the committee or the legislature will result in the continuation of
3 the exemption created in RCW 42.56.460(2).

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