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By Senators Brown, Dandel, Rivers, Benton, Braun, Angel, Tom, Bailey, Becker, Parlette, and Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the application of the public records
2 act to county officials; and amending RCW 42.56.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.010 and 2010 c 204 s 1005 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Agency" includes all state agencies and all local agencies.
9 "State agency" includes every state office, department, division,
10 bureau, board, commission, or other state agency. "Local agency"
11 includes every county official's office, city, town, municipal
12 corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or special purpose district,
13 or any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or
14 agency thereof, or other local public agency.

15 (2) "Person in interest" means the person who is the subject of a
16 record or any representative designated by that person, except that if
17 that person is under a legal disability, "person in interest" means and
18 includes the parent or duly appointed legal representative.

1 (3) "Public record" includes any writing containing information
2 relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any
3 governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained
4 by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or
5 characteristics. For the office of the secretary of the senate and the
6 office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives, public
7 records means legislative records as defined in RCW 40.14.100 and also
8 means the following: All budget and financial records; personnel
9 leave, travel, and payroll records; records of legislative sessions;
10 reports submitted to the legislature; and any other record designated
11 a public record by any official action of the senate or the house of
12 representatives.

13 (4) "Writing" means handwriting, typewriting, printing,
14 photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording any
15 form of communication or representation including, but not limited to,
16 letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combination thereof,
17 and all papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films and
18 prints, motion picture, film and video recordings, magnetic or punched
19 cards, discs, drums, diskettes, sound recordings, and other documents
20 including existing data compilations from which information may be
21 obtained or translated.

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