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By Representative McBride

**ADOPTED 02/25/2016**

On page 235, line 9, increase the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 by $75,000

On page 235, line 11, increase the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2017 by $175,000

On page 235, line 16, correct the total.

On page 237, after line 3 insert the following:

"(12) $75,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and $175,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for the William D. Ruckelhaus Center to conduct a study regarding public records requests under Chapter 42.56 RCW of local agencies. The study shall include:

(a) The effects of local agencies adopting procedures limiting the time spent on responding to public records requests, and adopting procedures to prioritize records requests;

(b) Options for local agencies to more effectively respond to public records requests, including options for cost recovery mechanisms;

(c) The feasibility, cost effectiveness of, and potential funding sources for creating a public records commission with jurisdiction over disputes arising between local agencies and persons making public records requests; and

(d) Options regarding the jurisdiction, policies and procedures, and location of a public records commission.

A report on the results of the study with any findings and recommendations shall be presented to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature by December 1, 2017."

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|  | EFFECT:   Provides $250,000 from the General Fund-State appropriations to the William D. Ruckelhaus Center to conduct a study concerning public records requests of local agencies. A report must be submitted to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature by December 1, 2017.  FISCAL IMPACT:  Increases General Fund - State by $250,000. |

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