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1            AN ACT Relating to disciplinary action for state officials and  
2 employees who provide false testimony to the legislature; amending  
3 RCW 42.52.520; adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW; and  
4 prescribing penalties.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8            (1) No state officer or state employee may knowingly represent a  
9 materially incorrect fact, statement, claim, or record in giving  
10 testimony to a legislative committee.

11            (2) For purposes of this section, "knowingly" means having actual  
12 knowledge of false information or acting in reckless disregard of the  
13 truth or falsity of the information.

14            (3) Disciplinary action for a violation of this section may  
15 include termination of employment.

16            **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.52.520 and 1994 c 154 s 222 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18            (1) A violation of this chapter or rules adopted under it is  
19 grounds for disciplinary action.

1           (2) The procedures for any such action shall correspond to those  
2 applicable for disciplinary action for employee misconduct generally;  
3 for those state officers and state employees not specifically  
4 exempted in chapter 41.06 RCW, the rules set forth in chapter 41.06  
5 RCW shall apply. Disciplinary action for a violation of section 1 of  
6 this act may include termination of employment for any state officer  
7 or state employee. Any action against the state officer or state  
8 employee shall be subject to judicial review to the extent provided  
9 by law for disciplinary action for misconduct of state officers and  
10 state employees of the same category and grade.

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