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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring state agencies to share information
2 to encourage rural economic development; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.330 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department must collect the following information in the
8 possession of the department of revenue, the department of labor and
9 industries, the employment security department, and the department of
10 licensing about each business in Washington state:

11 (a) The business's annual revenue;

12 (b) The number of employees that the business employs, and their
13 occupations;

14 (c) The business's aggregated payroll; and

15 (d) The North American industry classification system (NAICS)
16 code assigned to that business.

17 (2) The information obtained by the department under this section
18 and in the department's possession is exempt from public inspection
19 and copying pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW. This section does not
20 affect whether another agency may be required or prohibited by law to
21 disclose any of this information that is in its possession.

1 (3) The department must permit contracting associate development
2 organizations to have access to the data collected under this section
3 from the county for which they are designated. The organizations must
4 keep confidential any data received under this section, except that
5 they may provide organizations applying for grant funding with
6 aggregated data. Prior to receiving any data, associate development
7 organizations must meet data security standards established by the
8 department, and complete training developed by the department
9 concerning access, use, and confidentiality of data.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 Beginning January 1, 2025, the department of labor and industries
13 shall compile aggregate data on the number of apprentices residing in
14 each county categorized by occupation and publish the aggregate data
15 on its website. The department shall update the aggregate data on its
16 website every quarter.

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