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5 On page 4, after line 14, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 4. RCW 41.56.030 and 1989 c 275 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 As used in this chapter:

9 (1) "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission,  
10 council, or other person or body acting on behalf of any public body  
11 governed by this chapter as designated by RCW 41.56.020, or any  
12 subdivision of such public body. For the purposes of this section, the  
13 public employer of district court employees for wage-related matters is  
14 the respective county legislative authority, or person or body acting  
15 on behalf of the legislative authority, and the public employer for  
16 nonwage-related matters is the judge or judge's designee of the  
17 respective district court.

18 (2) "Public employee" means any employee of a public employer  
19 except any person (a) elected by popular vote, or (b) appointed to  
20 office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified  
21 term of office by the executive head or body of the public employer, or  
22 (c) whose duties as deputy, administrative assistant or secretary  
23 necessarily imply a confidential relationship to the executive head or  
24 body of the applicable bargaining unit, or any person elected by  
25 popular vote or appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or  
26 resolution for a specified term of office by the executive head or body  
27 of the public employer, or (d) who is a personal assistant to a  
28 district judge or court commissioner. For the purpose of (d) of this

1 subsection, no more than one assistant for each judge or commissioner  
2 may be excluded from a bargaining unit.

3 (3) "Bargaining representative" means any lawful organization which  
4 has as one of its primary purposes the representation of employees in  
5 their employment relations with employers.

6 (4) "Collective bargaining" means the performance of the mutual  
7 obligations of the public employer and the exclusive bargaining  
8 representative to meet at reasonable times, to confer and negotiate in  
9 good faith, and to execute a written agreement with respect to  
10 grievance procedures and collective negotiations on personnel matters,  
11 including wages, hours and working conditions, which may be peculiar to  
12 an appropriate bargaining unit of such public employer, except that by  
13 such obligation neither party shall be compelled to agree to a proposal  
14 or be required to make a concession unless otherwise provided in this  
15 chapter. In the case of the Washington state patrol and the employees  
16 covered under section 2 of this act, "collective bargaining" shall not  
17 include wages and wage-related matters.

18 (5) "Commission" means the public employment relations commission.

19 (6) "Executive director" means the executive director of the  
20 commission.

21 (7) "Uniformed personnel" means (a) law enforcement officers as  
22 defined in RCW 41.26.030 as now or hereafter amended, of cities with a  
23 population of fifteen thousand or more or law enforcement officers  
24 employed by the governing body of any county of the second class or  
25 larger, or (b) fire fighters as that term is defined in RCW 41.26.030,  
26 as now or hereafter amended."

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2 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "RCW 41.56.475" insert "and  
5 41.56.030"