

1 **SHB 2876** - H AMD 0207
2 **By Representative Ballard**

3 **On page 8, following line 21, insert:**

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter
5 42.17 RCW under the subchapter heading "public records" to read as
6 follows:

7 In addition to any other persons or groups subject to this
8 act, the legislative branch of government is hereby made subject to
9 this act.

10 and

11 On page 20, line 8, after "branch" strike "or the legislative
12 branch of state government, as such branches remain" and insert "as
13 it remains"

14 and

15 On page 22, line 28, after "branch" strike "or of the
16 legislature"

17 and

18 On page 30, following line 18, insert:

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** A new section is added to chapter
2 42.30 RCW to read as follows:

3 In addition to public agencies which are subject to the open
4 meeting act, the Washington State Legislature is hereby made
5 subject to the open meetings act. Meeting of the legislature,
6 including all meetings of all committees must be open to the
7 public. Included in this requirement, by way of example and not as
8 a limitation, are meetings of all conference committees, the
9 executive rules committee, and all caucus meetings. Executive
10 session may be held only upon personnel matters which are not
11 related to salaries.

EFFECT: The amendment makes clear that the legislative branch
is subject to both the open records act and the open meetings
act.