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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, Madsen and Newhouse)

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- AN ACT Relating to the crime laboratory system of the state patrol;
- 2 and adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) In all prosecutions involving the analysis of a controlled
- 7 substance or a sample of a controlled substance by the crime laboratory
- 8 system of the state patrol, a certified copy of the analytical report
- 9 signed by the supervisor of the state patrol's crime laboratory or the
- 10 criminologist conducting the analysis is evidence of the results of the
- 11 analytical findings.
- 12 (2) The defendant may subpoen the criminologist who conducted the
- 13 analysis of the substance to testify at the preliminary hearing and
- 14 trial of the issue at no cost to the defendant. However, thirty days

- 1 prior to issuing the subpoena, the defendant must give the director of
- 2 the crime laboratory system notice of the defendant's intention to
- 3 require the criminologist's appearance.