

1 **ESB 6025** - H AMD TO LOCAL GOV COMM AMD(H4486.1)**1328 ADOPT3494**
2 By Representatives H. Myers and Edmondson

3 On page 4, after line 22 of the amendment, insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter
6 42.41 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) It is unlawful for a city or town official or employee to
8 directly or indirectly use or attempt to use his or her official
9 authority or influence for the purpose of intimidating,
10 threatening, coercing, or influencing an employee not to disclose
11 information concerning improper governmental action to a person
12 designated under RCW 42.41.030(3).

13 (2) Nothing in this section authorizes an employee to disclose
14 information otherwise prohibited by law."

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Makes local government whistleblower law consistent with state government whistleblower law by prohibiting coercion of employees who wish to report wrongdoing.