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**SENATE BILL 6490**

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**State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      2000 Regular Session**

**By Senators Hochstatter, Swecker, Morton and McCaslin**

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to a moratorium on administrative rule making;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW; creating a new section; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6            (1) The Constitution of the state of Washington provides that the  
7 lawmaking power is vested in the legislature and the citizens of the  
8 state.

9            (2) Agency employees who are writing rules are neither elected nor  
10 are they formally accountable to the citizens who must abide by the  
11 rules.

12            (3) The proliferation of rules causes confusion and frustration for  
13 Washington citizens. It is the intent of the legislature to limit the  
14 rule-making authority of agencies by implementing a one-year moratorium  
15 on the adoption of any rules.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1       No agency may adopt any rules for one year after the effective date  
2 of this act.

3       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
6 immediately.

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