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1 AN ACT Relating to performance audits of the judicial branch; and 2 adding a new section to chapter 2.56 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 2.56 RCW 5 to read as follows:

The office of the administrator for the courts is encouraged to 6 7 conduct performance audits of courts under the authority of the supreme 8 court, in conformity with criteria and methods developed by the board 9 for judicial administration that have been approved by the supreme 10 court. In developing criteria and methods for conducting performance audits, the board for judicial administration is encouraged to consider 11 quality improvement programs, audits, and scoring. 12 The judicial branch is encouraged to submit the results of these efforts to the chief 13 justice of the supreme court or his or her designee, and with any other 14 15 applicable boards or committees established under the authority of the 16 supreme court to oversee government accountability.

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