
SENATE BILL 6499

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By Senators Schmidt, Poulsen, Esser and Eide

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a local wireless network in the
2 legislative building; adding a new section to chapter 44.68 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that fast and
6 convenient access to information improves the efficiency and
7 effectiveness of government. The legislature further declares that
8 ready and equitable public access to information is fundamental to the
9 sound governance of a free society. Therefore, the legislature intends
10 to encourage the use of new technology to facilitate and expand access
11 to information by state officers, state employees, and the public.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The joint legislative systems committee and the department of
15 general administration shall deploy a pilot wireless local area
16 network. The network shall initially be established in the legislative
17 building during 2004 as part of the legislative building rehabilitation

1 project with the future objective of expanding coverage to the state
2 capitol campus. The committee and the department shall determine the
3 schedule for future deployment of the network.

4 (2) The committee and the department shall determine the means by
5 which persons may use the network; however, access shall proceed in
6 three phases: Phase one, legislative officers and staff; phase two,
7 executive officers and staff; and phase three, the public.

8 (3) In determining the conditions under which the public may access
9 the network, the committee and the department shall consult with the
10 department of information services and the state library.

11 (4) The committee and the department may choose a private vendor to
12 deploy or provide network services.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint legislative systems committee and
14 the department of general administration shall present a report to the
15 appropriate technology committees in the house of representatives and
16 the senate on the deployment of the local wireless network by January
17 10, 2005.

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