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By Representatives Anderson and Chandler

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1 AN ACT Relating to the grants, contracts, and loan management  
2 system; and adding a new section to chapter 43.41 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The office shall develop and maintain a grants, contracts, and  
7 loan management system for use by all state agencies. State agencies  
8 must use the grants, contracts, and loan management system developed by  
9 the office. Beginning July 1, 2008, the department of ecology and the  
10 department of community, trade, and economic development must use the  
11 system. By July 1, 2012, all other state agencies shall use the  
12 system.

13 (2) The legislative evaluation and accountability program shall  
14 have access to the grants, contracts, and loan management system put in  
15 place by the office.

16 (3) As part of the grants, contracts, and loan management system,  
17 the office must develop a single searchable web site accessible by the  
18 public, at no cost to access information, on awards of state grants,  
19 contracts, and loans.

1 (a) At a minimum, the searchable web site shall contain a link to  
2 the public disclosure commission's searchable campaign finance database  
3 and shall include the following information on awards:

4 (i) The name of the entity receiving the award, as well as the  
5 names of any parent company or affiliations;

6 (ii) The amount of the award;

7 (iii) The amount paid by fiscal year;

8 (iv) Information on the award, including purpose of the award,  
9 funding agency, program, and division; and award title descriptive of  
10 the purpose of each funding action;

11 (v) The location of the entity receiving the award and the primary  
12 location of performance under the award, including the city and county;  
13 and

14 (vi) Any other relevant information specified by the office.

15 (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, awards of grants, contracts, and loans  
16 made by the department of ecology and the department of community,  
17 trade, and economic development must be posted on the web site. By  
18 July 1, 2010, awards of grants, contracts, and loans made by all state  
19 agencies shall be posted on the web site.

20 (c) The director is authorized to designate one or more state  
21 agencies to participate in the development, establishment, operation,  
22 and support of the web site.

23 (d) The web site shall include a comment section that will allow  
24 the public to provide input about the utility of the web site and  
25 recommendations for improvements.

26 (e) Information shall be displayed on the web site immediately  
27 after an award is made. Any changes to the original award must be  
28 listed on the web site.

29 (4) For purposes of this section:

30 (a) "Award" means state financial assistance and expenditures  
31 including grants, subgrants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements,  
32 contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, task orders, and delivery  
33 orders.

34 (b) "Entity" means any corporation, association, partnership,  
35 limited liability company, limited liability partnership, sole  
36 proprietorship, legal business, or person in receipt of a grant,  
37 contract, loan, award, or any other financial award or assistance from  
38 an agency of the state.

1           (c) "Searchable web site" means a web site that allows the public  
2 to search and aggregate state funding of grants, contracts, and loans  
3 in order to determine the total amount of state funding awarded and  
4 paid to an entity through a state award by fiscal year, and download  
5 data from searches.

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