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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1219**

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**By** House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Armstrong, Hunt, Appleton, Newhouse, Miloscia, Chase, Alexander, and Hudgins)

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1       AN ACT Relating to mailing information to certain members of the  
2 state retirement systems; and adding a new section to chapter 41.50  
3 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.50 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) Any organization that exclusively provides representation or  
8 services to retired members of the Washington state retirement systems  
9 and has membership dues deducted through the department of retirement  
10 systems has the right to request the department to assist in doing  
11 blind mailings to retirees twice each year. The mailings must provide  
12 information to members of the retirement systems eligible for  
13 membership in the retiree organization regarding services offered by  
14 the retiree organization. The retiree organization must provide all  
15 printed materials to be mailed and envelopes to a mail processing  
16 center and pay all costs for generating mailing labels, inserting  
17 materials into envelopes, sealing, labeling, and delivering materials  
18 to be mailed to a bulk mail center or post office. The organization  
19 must use its own bulk mail permit and pay all postage costs.

1           (2) The department must provide requested retiree data for  
2 addressing the envelopes to the mail center under a secure data share  
3 agreement with the mail center under which neither the organizations  
4 nor any other entity has direct access to any names or addresses. The  
5 department has no obligation to approve or disapprove, or in any other  
6 way take any responsibility for, the content of the mailings. Only  
7 organizations that meet the requirements under subsection (1) of this  
8 section and have legal authority to provide services to retirement  
9 system retirees have the right to request assistance with blind  
10 mailings.

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