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1 AN ACT Relating to providing contract information online for state
2 capital and transportation projects; reenacting and amending RCW
3 44.48.150; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the importance of
6 a transparent government to the citizens of the state. Therefore, the
7 legislature intends to increase accessibility to contract expenditures
8 by requiring state capital and transportation contracts to be posted
9 online.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.48.150 and 2013 c 327 s 2 and 2013 c 63 s 2 are
11 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 (1) By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of
13 financial management, using existing databases and structures currently
14 shared, the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability
15 program committee shall establish and make available to the public a
16 searchable state expenditure information web site. The state
17 expenditure information web site shall provide access to current budget
18 data, access to current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and

1 staff, and access to historical data. At a minimum, the web site will
2 provide access or links to the following information as data are
3 available:

- 4 (a) State expenditures by fund or account;
- 5 (b) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;
- 6 (c) State revenues by major source;
- 7 (d) State expenditures by object and subobject;
- 8 (e) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures,
9 and recent performance audits;
- 10 (f) State agency budget data by activity; and
- 11 (g) The inventory of state agency fees required by RCW 43.88.585.

12 (2) "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state
13 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,
14 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher
15 education.

16 (3) The state expenditure information web site shall be updated
17 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the
18 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained by the legislative
19 evaluation and accountability program committee as part of its ten-year
20 historical budget data.

21 (4) By January 1, 2014, current and future capital project and
22 transportation project investments must be coded with the geographic
23 information sufficient to permit the public to search and identify
24 appropriation and expenditure data at the parent and subproject level
25 to the extent available by:

- 26 (a) State legislative district;
- 27 (b) County; and
- 28 (c) Agency project identifier.

29 (5) The office of the legislative evaluation and accountability
30 program committee must, within existing resources, update the state
31 expenditure information web site to allow the public to search for
32 capital budget and transportation projects by selecting from an online
33 geographical map. The map must allow an in-depth examination of
34 financial and other data associated with such projects. Data elements
35 must include:

- 36 (a) Project title;
- 37 (b) Total appropriation;
- 38 (c) Project description;

1 (d) Expenditure data; and

2 (e) Administering agency.

3 (6) By January 1, 2015, an electronic link to the contract for each
4 project must be included on the map in subsection (5) of this section.

5 (7) The web site must be easy to use, contain current and readily
6 available data, and allow for review and analysis by the public. The
7 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee must test
8 the web site with potential users to ensure that it is easy to navigate
9 and comprehend.

10 (8) Agencies that receive an appropriation for a capital or
11 transportation project must provide the department of enterprise
12 services with project-related contract and subcontract documents or
13 data requested by the department in the format defined by the
14 department. The department must work with the office of the
15 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee to post the
16 electronic link to the map in subsection (5) of this section.

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