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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Van De Wege, Takko, Nealey, Haler, Buys, and Liias)

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AN ACT Relating to clarifying the exemption in the public records act for customer information held by public utilities; and amending RCW 42.56.330.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 42.56.330 and 2012 c 68 s 4 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 The following information relating to public utilities and 8 transportation is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

9 (1) Records filed with the utilities and transportation commission 10 or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 that a court has determined are 11 confidential under RCW 80.04.095;

12 (2) The ((residential)) addresses ((and residential)), telephone 13 numbers, electronic contact information, and customer-specific utility 14 usage and billing information in increments less than a billing cycle 15 or monthly, whichever is greater, of the customers of a public utility 16 contained in the records or lists held by the public utility of which 17 they are customers, except that this information may be released to the 18 division of child support or the agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, for the establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order;

4 (3) The names, residential addresses, residential telephone 5 numbers, and other individually identifiable records held by an agency 6 in relation to a vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing program or 7 service; however, these records may be disclosed to other persons who 8 apply for ride-matching services and who need that information in order 9 to identify potential riders or drivers with whom to share rides;

10 (4) The personally identifying information of current or former 11 participants or applicants in a paratransit or other transit service 12 operated for the benefit of persons with disabilities or elderly 13 persons;

(5) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire 14 and use transit passes or other fare payment media including, but not 15 limited to, stored value smart cards and magnetic strip cards, except 16 17 that an agency may disclose personally identifying information to a person, employer, educational institution, or other entity that is 18 19 responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the cost of acquiring 20 or using a transit pass or other fare payment media for the purpose of 21 preventing fraud, or to the news media when reporting on public 22 transportation or public safety. As used in this subsection, 23 "personally identifying information" includes acquisition or use 24 information pertaining to a specific, individual transit pass or fare 25 payment media.

(a) Information regarding the acquisition or use of transit passes
or fare payment media may be disclosed in aggregate form if the data
does not contain any personally identifying information.

(b) Personally identifying information may be released to lawenforcement agencies if the request is accompanied by a court order;

(6) Any information obtained by governmental agencies that is collected by the use of a motor carrier intelligent transportation system or any comparable information equipment attached to a truck, tractor, or trailer; however, the information may be given to other governmental agencies or the owners of the truck, tractor, or trailer from which the information is obtained. As used in this subsection, "motor carrier" has the same definition as provided in RCW 81.80.010;

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(7) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire 1 2 and use transponders or other technology to facilitate payment of tolls. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form as long as 3 the data does not contain any personally identifying information. For 4 these purposes aggregate data may include the census tract of the 5 account holder as long as any individual personally identifying б information is not released. Personally identifying information may be 7 8 released to law enforcement agencies only for toll enforcement purposes. Personally identifying information may be released to law 9 enforcement agencies for other purposes only if the request is 10 11 accompanied by a court order; and

(8) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire 12 13 and use a driver's license or identicard that includes a radio frequency identification chip or similar technology to facilitate 14 15 border crossing. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form as long as the data does not contain any personally identifying 16 information. Personally identifying information may be released to law 17 enforcement agencies only for United States customs and border 18 protection enforcement purposes. Personally identifying information 19 20 may be released to law enforcement agencies for other purposes only if 21 the request is accompanied by a court order.

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