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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5616**

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**State of Washington**                      **65th Legislature**                      **2017 Regular Session**  
**By** Senate State Government (originally sponsored by Senator Fortunato)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to limiting the enforcement of administrative  
2 rules and policies; adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW;  
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 34.05  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) After July 1, 2017, no rule, as defined in RCW 34.05.010, or  
8 policy of any state agency may be enforced unless and until the rule  
9 or policy has been adopted pursuant to this chapter, codified in the  
10 Washington Administrative Code, and either:

11            (a) Ratified by act of the legislature; or

12            (b) Adopted by an agency that has successfully completed an  
13 excellence assessment by an independent examiner.

14            (2) For the purpose of this section "excellence assessment" means  
15 an assessment of agency operational performance by a trained national  
16 or state examiner using an excellence framework published by the  
17 national institutes of standards and technology, United States  
18 department of commerce.

19            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect July 1, 2017.

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