

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2208**

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65th Legislature  
2018 Regular Session

STATE EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS--ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION--  
BACKGROUND CHECK

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Passed by the House February 13, 2018  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 27, 2018  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 9, 2018 1:43 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2208** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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March 9, 2018

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representative Hudgins; by request of Office of Financial Management

1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing criminal background investigations  
2 for current and prospective employees and contractors with access to  
3 federal tax information; and adding a new section to chapter 41.04  
4 RCW.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 41.04  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8            (1) All current and prospective employees of and contractors with  
9 the state of Washington who are or may be authorized by the agency  
10 for which he or she is employed to access federal tax information are  
11 required to have a criminal history record check through the  
12 Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through  
13 the federal bureau of investigation. The record check must include a  
14 fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal  
15 identification fingerprint card, which must be forwarded by the state  
16 patrol to the federal bureau of investigation.

17            (2) Agencies must establish background investigation policies  
18 applicable to current and prospective employees and contractors  
19 subject to subsection (1) of this section. Agency background  
20 investigation policies must also satisfy any specific background  
21 investigation standards established by the internal revenue service.

1 The office of financial management shall create a model background  
2 investigation policy.

3 (3) The cost of the background investigation for current and  
4 prospective employees shall be paid by the agency. The agency may  
5 charge contractors the cost of the background investigation.

6 (4) Information received by the employing agency pursuant to this  
7 section may be used only for the purposes of making, supporting, or  
8 defending decisions regarding the appointment, hiring, or retention  
9 of persons, or for complying with any requirements from the internal  
10 revenue service. Further dissemination or use of the information is  
11 prohibited, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

12 (5) The office of financial management may adopt rules to  
13 implement this section.

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