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By Representative Stokesbary

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring formatting changes to the electronic
2 versions of the Revised Code of Washington and the Washington
3 Administrative Code; amending RCW 44.68.100; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that people in
7 Washington rely on the legislature's website, leg.wa.gov, to read and
8 understand the Revised Code of Washington and the Washington
9 Administrative Code. The legislature further recognizes that
10 leg.wa.gov is among the most user-friendly legislative websites in
11 the United States. However, the sections in the Revised Code of
12 Washington and the Washington Administrative Code as presented on
13 leg.wa.gov lack customary indentation to visually indicate the level
14 of subsections and subparagraphs within code sections. This causes
15 statutes and rules to be unnecessarily difficult to navigate for both
16 legal practitioners and the general public, making the law harder to
17 understand, whereas the law should be clear and easy to use.
18 Therefore, the legislature intends that the office of the code
19 reviser should include indentation in a logical manner on the
20 leg.wa.gov website.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.68.100 and 2020 c 114 s 16 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The legislature and legislative agencies through the
4 administrative committee, shall:

5 (1) Continue to plan for and implement processes for making
6 legislative information available electronically;

7 (2) Promote and facilitate electronic access to the public of
8 legislative information and services;

9 (3) Establish technical standards for such services. These
10 standards must include a requirement that each section of the
11 electronic versions of the Revised Code of Washington and the
12 Washington Administrative Code be indented in accordance with their
13 subsection or subparagraph level in order for a reader to easily
14 distinguish the subsection and subparagraphs within a section;

15 (4) Consider electronic public access needs when planning new
16 information systems or major upgrades of information systems;

17 (5) Develop processes to determine which legislative information
18 the public most wants and needs;

19 (6) Increase capabilities to receive information electronically
20 from the public and transmit forms, applications and other
21 communications and transactions electronically;

22 (7) Use technologies that allow continuous access twenty-four
23 hours a day, seven days per week, involve little or no cost to
24 access, and are capable of being used by persons without extensive
25 technology ability; and

26 (8) Consider and incorporate wherever possible ease of access to
27 electronic technologies by persons with disabilities.

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