SENATE BILL 6041

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the provision of false or 2 misleading information under the ethics in public service act; and 3 adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 42.52 6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) No state officer or state employee may knowingly provide 8 false or misleading information, or procure, induce, or coerce 9 another person to provide false or misleading information:

10 (a) To the legislature, including committees and agencies of the 11 legislature; or

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(b) In an official report or document produced by an agency.

13 (2) Information is false or misleading under this section if it 14 contains a material misrepresentation of fact or law or omits a fact 15 necessary to make the information considered as a whole not 16 materially misleading.

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