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**SENATE BILL 6176**

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**By** Senators Wagoner, McCune, Short, and J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to addressing payments received due to a state  
2 enforcement action; and adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 When issuing payments to injured parties, claimants, or other  
7 members of the public as a result of funds awarded by a court to the  
8 state or allocated in a settlement, due to a regulatory or civil  
9 enforcement action to which the state is a party:

10 (1) Payments may only be made to compensate injured parties or  
11 claimants, or in the case of actions where injured parties are  
12 considered a class with no specific claimants, and multiple payments  
13 may be issued, the payments must be issued as grants to appropriate  
14 nonprofit organizations supporting disadvantaged parties injured  
15 under the enforcement action; and

16 (2) Payments may only be addressed as from the name of the state  
17 agency or the administrator of the payments. In any case, a payment  
18 as described under this section, including the envelope, any enclosed

1 communication, the check or other payment remittance, may not include  
2 the name of any elected official.

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