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By House Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Thomas, Parshley, Simmons, Cortes, Ormsby, Hill, and Macri)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the homelessness point-in-time count; and
2 amending RCW 43.185C.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.030 and 2018 c 85 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall ((annually)) conduct a Washington
7 homeless census or count consistent with the requirements of RCW
8 43.185C.180. ((The census shall make every effort to count all
9 homeless individuals living outdoors, in shelters, and in
10 transitional housing, coordinated, when reasonably feasible, with
11 already existing homeless census projects including those funded in
12 part by the United States department of housing and urban development
13 under the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance program.)) The
14 department shall determine, in consultation with local governments,
15 the data to be collected. ((Data on subpopulations and other
16 characteristics of the homeless must, at a minimum, be consistent
17 with the United States department of housing and urban development's
18 point-in-time requirements.))

19 (2) All personal information collected in the census is
20 confidential, and the department and each local government shall take

1 all necessary steps to protect the identity and confidentiality of
2 each person counted.

3 (3) The department and each local government are prohibited from
4 disclosing any personally identifying information about any homeless
5 individual when there is reason to believe or evidence indicating
6 that the homeless individual is an adult or minor victim of domestic
7 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or is the
8 parent or guardian of a child victim of domestic violence, dating
9 violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or revealing other
10 confidential information regarding HIV/AIDS status, as found in RCW
11 70.02.220. The department and each local government shall not ask any
12 homeless housing provider to disclose personally identifying
13 information about any homeless individuals when the providers
14 implementing those programs have reason to believe or evidence
15 indicating that those clients are adult or minor victims of domestic
16 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or are the
17 parents or guardians of child victims of domestic violence, dating
18 violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Summary data for the
19 provider's facility or program may be substituted.

20 (4) The Washington homeless census shall be conducted
21 ((annually)) on a schedule created by the department. The department
22 shall make summary data by county available to the public each year.
23 This data, and its analysis, shall be included in the department's
24 annual updated homeless housing program strategic plan.

25 ~~((5) Based on the annual census and provider information from
26 the local government plans, the department shall, by the end of year
27 four, implement an online information and referral system to enable
28 local governments and providers to identify available housing for a
29 homeless person. The department shall work with local governments and
30 their providers to develop a capacity for continuous case management
31 to assist homeless persons.~~

32 ~~(6) By the end of year four, the department shall implement an
33 organizational quality management system.))~~

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