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By House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Steele, Reed, Doglio, Stonier, Zahn, Barkis, Shavers, and Bernbaum)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a tourism self-supported
2 assessment program to fund statewide tourism promotion; amending RCW
3 43.384.010, 43.384.020, and 43.384.030; amending 2025 c 189 s 3
4 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.270; adding a new
5 chapter to Title 43 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. (1) The legislature finds that the
8 history, economy, culture, and future of Washington state are
9 inextricably linked to a vibrant and healthy visitor economy. In
10 order to develop, manage, and promote statewide tourism as part of an
11 existing comprehensive effort to market Washington as a premier
12 travel destination, the legislature declares:

13 (a) That it is vital to the continued economic well-being and
14 general welfare of the citizens of this state that the tourism
15 industry be supported by:

16 (i) Enabling the tourism industry to help themselves through an
17 organized, year-around, statewide assessment program designed to
18 support fair, efficient, and sustained promotion and management of
19 Washington as a visitor destination; and

20 (ii) Enhancing tourism market opportunities and strengthening the
21 industry's long-term competitiveness by increasing travel to and

1 within Washington across leisure, business, and international
2 markets;

3 (b) That tourism-dependent businesses, including lodging, food
4 and beverage, attractions, recreation, cultural institutions, and
5 retail, operate in a regulatory and funding environment that limits
6 marketing autonomy, creates fragmented promotion efforts, and
7 contributes to Washington's declining market share in a highly
8 competitive global visitor economy;

9 (c) That it is in the overriding public interest to clearly
10 express support for the tourism sector and its coordinated and
11 orderly growth; to give adequate recognition and operational
12 resources to tourism as a vital component of Washington's export
13 economy and value-added service sector; and to promote, develop, and
14 manage tourism as an essential statewide industry in order to:

15 (i) Enhance the reputation and image of Washington as a travel
16 destination;

17 (ii) Increase visitor spending from domestic and international
18 markets; strategically positioning the destination and optimizing the
19 benefits of visitation;

20 (iii) Protect the public interest by providing destination
21 development that benefits communities, small businesses, tribes, and
22 other stakeholders and educating travelers about responsible and
23 sustainable visitation to communities and public and tribal lands;

24 (iv) Expand tourism-driven economic opportunities, development
25 resources, and community benefits in urban and rural regions alike;

26 (v) Support and engage in programs and partnerships that benefit
27 the development, management, marketing, and sustainability of tourism
28 across Washington; and

29 (vi) Expand the communication, cooperation, and partnership
30 between the public and private sectors to more effectively meet the
31 needs of both; and

32 (d) That a stable and predictable funding mechanism, developed
33 and governed by the industry through a self-supported assessment, can
34 generate substantial economic returns for the state and empower local
35 businesses, destinations, and communities to compete on a level
36 playing field with neighboring states and national leaders such as
37 California, Oregon, and British Columbia.

38 (2) The legislature intends that any rules adopted to implement
39 this chapter should be guided by the recommendations developed under
40 section 3, chapter 189, Laws of 2025.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this
2 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly
3 requires otherwise.

4 (1) "Assessment" means the annual fee levied on tourism
5 businesses to fund tourism promotion under this chapter.

6 (2) "Authority" means the Washington tourism marketing authority
7 created in RCW 43.384.020.

8 (3) "Ratepayer oversight board" means the board of
9 representatives from businesses subject to the assessment.

10 (4) "Tourism business" means businesses that derive a significant
11 portion of revenue from tourism activity in Washington in the
12 following sectors: (a) Lodging; (b) travel services; (c) attractions;
13 (d) recreation; (e) beverage producers; (f) full-service restaurant
14 locations with revenues exceeding \$5,000,000 per year; and (g)
15 retailer locations with revenues exceeding \$5,000,000 per year.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. (1) The
17 legislature authorizes the authority to establish a tourism
18 assessment program, subject to tourism business sector ratification.

19 (2) No assessments shall be collected until the referendum
20 process in section 5 of this act is completed and approved by the
21 affected tourism business sector.

22 (3) The authority shall adopt rules as necessary to carry out the
23 purpose and intent of this chapter. The authority shall give
24 substantial weight to the recommendations made under section 3,
25 chapter 189, Laws of 2025, and the design developed under section 5
26 of this act, when developing rules under this chapter.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RATEPAYER OVERSIGHT BOARD. (1) The
28 authority shall appoint, from the list of nominees prepared under
29 subsection (2) of this section, a ratepayer oversight board
30 consisting of a minimum of 10 members, with at least two
31 representatives from each sector identified in section 2(4) of this
32 act, reflecting geographic and business diversity.

33 (2) (a) For the initial board, the tourism self-supported
34 assessment advisory group created by section 3, chapter 189, Laws of
35 2025 shall prepare a list of nominees for appointment to the
36 ratepayer oversight board. All nominees for membership on the
37 ratepayer oversight board must be employees or officers of businesses
38 subject to the assessment imposed under section 5 of this act,

1 pursuant to assessment ratification procedures established under
2 section 6 of this act.

3 (b) Initial board members shall serve for six months or until
4 completion of initial referendum, and vacancies shall be filled by
5 appointment for the unexpired term.

6 (c) Subsequent appointments shall be made under the process
7 developed under section 5 of this act and ratified under section 6 of
8 this act.

9 (d) The authority may remove any appointed member of the
10 ratepayer oversight board for inefficiency, neglect of duty,
11 malfeasance, or four unexcused absences in one year.

12 (3) The ratepayer oversight board shall provide oversight of
13 tourism assessment funds and programming and:

14 (a) Approve an annual budget and expenditure plan;

15 (b) Provide an annual report to the authority and the
16 legislature; and

17 (c) Monitor program effectiveness and recommend adjustments.

18 (4) The ratepayer oversight board shall elect a chair and meet at
19 least quarterly.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5. ASSESSMENTS.** (1) The ratepayer oversight
21 board shall design the proposed assessment program, including:

22 (a) Sector-specific classifications;

23 (b) Assessment methodology and the rates for each business
24 sector;

25 (c) A referendum process for ratification;

26 (d) Opt-out provisions, if applicable;

27 (e) Revenue thresholds for businesses assessed in each sector,
28 where applicable;

29 (f) Program term length; and

30 (g) The appointment process for the ratepayer oversight board
31 following the initial appointments made in section 4(2) of this act.
32 The appointment process designed under this subsection (1)(g) is
33 subject to ratification under section 6 of this act.

34 (2) Pursuant to approval by ratification in accordance with
35 section 6 of this act, there shall be levied, and the authority shall
36 collect, upon all participating tourism businesses in this state, an
37 annual assessment to be calculated as a percentage of gross revenue.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** RATIFICATION MECHANISM. (1)(a) Within
2 three years of the effective date of this section, the ratepayer
3 oversight board shall conduct a referendum among affected businesses
4 to ratify the proposed assessment program. In the case of a failed
5 ratification, the board may continue to resubmit the same proposal or
6 a modified proposal beyond the three-year limitation.

7 (b) Each assessed business is entitled to a weighted vote in each
8 referendum. In calculating weighted votes, each assessed business
9 receives a vote equal to the projected assessment paid by that
10 business. The initial referendum must be approved by a majority of
11 the weighted votes cast at the referendum.

12 (c) For purposes of voting in any referendum, each assessed
13 business is part of one industry sector and one sector-segment, and
14 for voting purposes only, a business with revenue in more than one
15 industry sector or sector-segment shall only be included in the
16 sector and segment in which it earns the most gross revenue.

17 (d) A sector's assessment may be approved only by a majority of
18 weighted votes from businesses within that same sector. Votes from
19 other sectors are not counted for or against another industry's
20 assessment.

21 (2) Assessments may begin once ratified by vote and shall be
22 collected on an annual basis.

23 (3) The cost of any referendum under this section shall be paid
24 by the authority and reimbursed by the fund established in section 7
25 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** COLLECTION AND ACCOUNTING. (1) The
27 authority shall collect assessments annually from participating
28 businesses.

29 (2) The authority shall deposit assessment moneys collected in a
30 separate account, named the tourism assessment account, in any bank
31 that is a state depository. Assessments collected under the program
32 are not considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the state,
33 and are not subject to legislative appropriation. All expenditures
34 and disbursements made from this account under this chapter may be
35 made without the necessity of a specific legislative appropriation.
36 None of the provisions of RCW 43.01.050 apply to this account or to
37 the moneys received, collected, or expended as provided. Funds in the
38 account:

1 (a) Must be used solely for tourism promotion as defined in the
2 ratified program; and

3 (b) Must be used to cover administrative and enforcement costs.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** NONPAYMENT AND ENFORCEMENT. A due and
5 payable assessment levied in such specified amount as determined by
6 the authority constitutes a personal debt of every person so assessed
7 or who otherwise owes the assessment, and the assessment is due and
8 payable to the authority when payment is called for by the authority.
9 If a person fails to pay the authority the full amount of the
10 assessment by the date due, the authority may add to the unpaid
11 assessment an amount not exceeding 10 percent of the assessment to
12 defray the cost of enforcing its collection. If the person fails to
13 pay any such due and payable assessment or other such sum, the
14 authority may bring a civil action for collection against the person
15 or persons in a court of competent jurisdiction. The action shall be
16 tried and judgment rendered as in any other cause of action for a
17 debt due and payable.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY. (1) Financial
19 and commercial information submitted to the authority and the
20 ratepayer oversight board under this chapter is confidential and
21 exempt from public inspection and copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

22 (2) This section does not apply to general statistical summaries
23 that do not identify individual businesses.

24 **Sec. 10.** 2025 c 189 s 3 (uncodified) is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (1) The chair of the board of directors of the tourism marketing
27 authority must appoint a tourism self-supported assessment advisory
28 group no later than two weeks following the effective date of this
29 section. The advisory group must evaluate the viability of an
30 industry self-supported assessment to fund statewide tourism
31 promotion and recommend procedures to establish the self-supported
32 assessment.

33 (2) The tourism self-supported assessment advisory group must
34 consist of at least eight members that represent sectors of the
35 tourism industry that may be considered for the self-supported
36 assessment, including:

37 (a) Two members representing the lodging sector;

- 1 (b) One member representing the beverage sector;
- 2 (c) One member representing the arts and culture sector;
- 3 (d) One member representing the tour operators sector;
- 4 (e) One member representing the attractions sector;
- 5 (f) One member representing the transportation sector; and
- 6 (g) One member representing a statewide Washington tourism
- 7 promotion nonprofit.

8 (3) The tourism self-supported assessment advisory group must
9 make recommendations for the following:

10 (a) The classification of businesses proposed to be included in
11 the self-supported assessment;

12 (b) The self-supported assessment methodology including the
13 petition process for businesses to approve the self-supported
14 assessment;

15 (c) The rate of self-supported assessment for each business
16 classification;

17 (d) The characteristics of a business within a classification
18 that will benefit from the self-supported assessment;

19 (e) The time period or duration of the self-supported assessment;
20 and

21 (f) The establishment of an oversight board for ratepayers
22 representing businesses by self-supported assessments.

23 (4) The board of directors of the tourism marketing authority
24 must comply with the requirements of RCW 43.18A.020 in making
25 appointments provided in this section. The department of commerce
26 must provide the report required in RCW 43.18A.020.

27 (5) The tourism self-supported assessment advisory group must
28 submit its recommendations in writing to the legislature by November
29 1, 2025.

30 (6) This section expires June 1, (~~2026~~) 2027.

31 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.384.010 and 2018 c 275 s 2 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
34 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

35 (1) "Authority" means the Washington tourism marketing authority
36 created in RCW 43.384.020.

37 (2) "Board" means the Washington tourism marketing authority
38 board of directors.

39 (3) "Department" means the department of commerce.

1 (4) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

2 (5) "Ratepayer oversight board" has the meaning defined in
3 section 2 of this act.

4 (6) "Statewide tourism marketing account" means the account
5 created pursuant to RCW 43.384.040.

6 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.384.020 and 2018 c 275 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The Washington tourism marketing authority is established as
9 a public body constituting an instrumentality of the state of
10 Washington.

11 (2) The authority is responsible for contracting for statewide
12 tourism marketing services that promote tourism on behalf of the
13 citizens of the state, and for managing the authority's financial
14 resources.

15 (3) The authority is responsible for administering a tourism
16 assessment program as set forth in chapter 43.--- RCW (the new
17 chapter created in section 15 of this act). The authority's primary
18 activities of administering government tax funds shall be governed by
19 the authority. The authority's activities with respect to the tourism
20 assessment program shall be governed by the ratepayer oversight
21 board.

22 (4) The department provides administrative assistance to the
23 authority and serves as the fiscal agent of the authority for moneys
24 appropriated for purposes of the authority.

25 ~~((4))~~ (5) The authority must create a private local account to
26 receive nonstate funds and state funds, other than general fund state
27 funds, contributed to the authority for purposes of this chapter.

28 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.384.030 and 2025 c 189 s 2 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) The authority must be governed by a board of directors. The
31 board of directors must consist of:

32 (a) Two members and two alternates from the house of
33 representatives, with one member and one alternate appointed from
34 each of the two major caucuses of the house of representatives by the
35 speaker of the house of representatives;

36 (b) Two members and two alternates from the senate, with one
37 member and one alternate appointed from each of the two major
38 caucuses of the senate by the president of the senate; and

1 (c) (~~Nine~~) Thirteen representatives (~~(with expertise in the~~
2 ~~tourism industry and related businesses including, but not limited~~
3 ~~to, hotel, restaurant, outdoor recreation, attractions, retail, and~~
4 ~~rental car)~~) of tourism businesses appointed by the governor as
5 provided in this subsection (1)(c). Appointments by the governor must
6 reflect diversity in geography, size of business, gender, and
7 ethnicity. No county may have more than (~~two~~) four appointments
8 (~~(and no city may have more than one appointment)~~):

9 (i) Eight members representing businesses paying the assessments
10 ratified under section 6 of this act, and nominated by the ratepayer
11 oversight board, except that the initial members shall be nominated
12 by the tourism self-supported assessment advisory group created in
13 section 3, chapter 189, Laws of 2025;

14 (ii) Two members representing destination marketing
15 organizations; and

16 (iii) Three members representing tourism businesses.

17 (2) There must be a nonvoting advisory committee to the board.
18 The advisory committee must consist of:

19 (a) One ex officio representative from the department, state
20 parks and recreation commission, department of transportation, and
21 other state agencies as the authority deems appropriate; and

22 (b) One member from a federally recognized Indian tribe appointed
23 by the director of the department.

24 (3) All appointments must be for four years.

25 (4) The board must select from its membership the chair of the
26 board and such other officers as it deems appropriate. The chair of
27 the board must be a member from the tourism industry or related
28 businesses.

29 (5) A majority of the board constitutes a quorum.

30 (6) The board must create its own bylaws in accordance with the
31 laws of the state of Washington.

32 (7) Any member of the board may be removed for misfeasance,
33 malfeasance, or willful neglect of duty after notice and a public
34 hearing, unless the notice and hearing are expressly waived in
35 writing by the affected member.

36 (8) If a vacancy occurs on the board, a replacement must be
37 appointed for the unexpired term.

38 (9) The members of the board serve without compensation but are
39 entitled to reimbursement, solely from the funds of the authority,
40 for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

1 (10) The board must meet at least quarterly.

2 (11) No board member of the authority may serve on the board of
3 an organization that could be considered for a contract authorized
4 under RCW 43.384.050.

5 **Sec. 14.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2025 c 419 s 9, 2025 c 176 s 1, and
6 2025 c 81 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information
8 is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

9 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or
10 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five
11 years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce
12 private gain and public loss;

13 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,
14 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or
15 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
16 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750; (b) highway construction
17 or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070; or (c) alternative
18 public works contracting procedures as required by RCW 39.10.200
19 through 39.10.905;

20 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
21 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters
22 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
23 under RCW 43.23.035;

24 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
25 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
26 services provided by chapters 43.325, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, 43.168,
27 and 43.181 RCW and RCW 43.155.160, or during application for economic
28 development loans or program services provided by any local agency;

29 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports,
30 and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
31 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
32 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

33 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
34 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
35 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
36 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the
37 providers of this information;

38 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

1 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
2 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington
3 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under
4 chapter 70.95H RCW;

5 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public
6 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses
7 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

8 (10)(a) Financial information, including but not limited to
9 account numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied
10 by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability
11 company, partnership, or other entity related to an application for a
12 horse racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b),
13 cannabis producer, processor, or retailer license, liquor license,
14 gambling license, or lottery retail license;

15 (b) Proprietary financial and security information submitted to
16 or obtained by the gambling commission from and on behalf of license
17 applicants, licensees, gaming facilities, or a tribe pursuant to an
18 approved tribal/state compact. Proprietary financial and security
19 information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

20 (i) Financial statements and transactions including but not
21 limited to independent auditors' reports and financial statements
22 with any supporting documents, bank account records, player tracking
23 records, bond issuances, loan agreements, purchase agreements, and
24 stock buyouts. However, quarterly license reports are not exempt;

25 (ii) Information that describes the internal operational system
26 or internal procedures of the gaming facility designed to promote
27 efficiency, safeguard assets, and avoid fraud and error, including
28 but not limited to records pertaining to security camera technical
29 specifications, operation, and placement; cash out procedures and
30 locations; cage security information; building access controls; and
31 personally identifiable information control procedures;

32 (iii) Gaming facility security information, including but not
33 limited to descriptions of facility layout and schematics, firewall
34 configurations, network topologies, source code, software files,
35 cryptographic hashes of software files, risk and security assessment
36 reports, disaster recovery plans, incident response plans, and any
37 other sensitive information that may negatively impact the security
38 of the facility if released; and

39 (iv) Gaming equipment information, including but not limited to
40 related hardware, software, and security information, such as

1 firewall configurations, field testing data and results from testing,
2 network topologies or diagrams, source code, software files,
3 cryptographic hashes of software files, schematics, user credentials,
4 system components, and any other sensitive information about the
5 equipment that may compromise the security and integrity of the
6 equipment if released;

7 (c) Valuable formulae or financial or proprietary commercial
8 information records received during a consultative visit or while
9 providing consultative services to a licensed cannabis business in
10 accordance with RCW 69.50.561;

11 (11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that
12 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)
13 data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c)
14 determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by
15 any vendor to the department of social and health services or the
16 health care authority for purposes of the development, acquisition,
17 or implementation of state purchased health care as defined in RCW
18 41.05.011;

19 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of
20 commerce:

21 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any
22 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
23 43.330.050(8);

24 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any
25 person and provided to the department of commerce or the office of
26 the governor in connection with the siting, recruitment, expansion,
27 retention, or relocation of that person's business and until a siting
28 decision is made, identifying information of any person supplying
29 information under this subsection and the locations being considered
30 for siting, relocation, or expansion of a business; and

31 (iii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any
32 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
33 43.31.625 (3)(b) and (4);

34 (b) When developed by the department of commerce based on
35 information as described in (a)(i) of this subsection, any work
36 product is not exempt from disclosure;

37 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means
38 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

39 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of 60 days to the
40 department of commerce from a person connected with siting,

1 recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's
2 business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be
3 available to the public under this chapter;

4 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or
5 obtained by the department of ecology or the authority created under
6 chapter 70A.500 RCW to implement chapter 70A.500 RCW;

7 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
8 research information and data submitted to or obtained by the life
9 sciences discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery
10 of, grants under RCW 43.330.502, to the extent that such information,
11 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss
12 to the providers of this information;

13 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to
14 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
15 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does
16 not permit the identification of information related to individual
17 fuel licensees;

18 (16) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade
19 secrets submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to
20 the department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085;

21 (17)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts, unless
22 permission to release the farm plan is granted by the landowner or
23 operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is used for the
24 application or issuance of a permit;

25 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under
26 the federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq., are subject
27 to RCW 42.56.610 and 90.64.190;

28 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
29 research information and data submitted to or obtained by a health
30 sciences and services authority in applications for, or delivery of,
31 grants under RCW 35.104.010 through 35.104.060, to the extent that
32 such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result
33 in private loss to providers of this information;

34 (19) Information gathered under chapter 19.85 RCW or RCW
35 34.05.328 that can be identified to a particular business;

36 (20) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
37 obtained by the University of Washington, other than information the
38 university is required to disclose under RCW 28B.20.150, when the
39 information relates to investments in private funds, to the extent
40 that such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to

1 result in loss to the University of Washington consolidated endowment
2 fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
3 information;

4 (21) Market share data submitted by a manufacturer under RCW
5 70A.500.190(4);

6 (22) Financial information supplied to the department of
7 financial institutions, when filed by or on behalf of an issuer of
8 securities for the purpose of obtaining the exemption from state
9 securities registration for small securities offerings provided under
10 RCW 21.20.880 or when filed by or on behalf of an investor for the
11 purpose of purchasing such securities;

12 (23) Unaggregated or individual notices of a transfer of crude
13 oil that is financial, proprietary, or commercial information,
14 submitted to the department of ecology pursuant to RCW
15 90.56.565(1)(a), and that is in the possession of the department of
16 ecology or any entity with which the department of ecology has shared
17 the notice pursuant to RCW 90.56.565;

18 (24) Financial institution and retirement account information,
19 and building security plan information, supplied to the liquor and
20 cannabis board pursuant to RCW 69.50.325, 69.50.331, 69.50.342, and
21 69.50.345, when filed by or on behalf of a licensee or prospective
22 licensee for the purpose of obtaining, maintaining, or renewing a
23 license to produce, process, transport, or sell cannabis as allowed
24 under chapter 69.50 RCW;

25 (25) Cannabis transport information, vehicle and driver
26 identification data, and account numbers or unique access identifiers
27 issued to private entities for traceability system access, submitted
28 by an individual or business to the liquor and cannabis board under
29 the requirements of RCW 69.50.325, 69.50.331, 69.50.342, and
30 69.50.345 for the purpose of cannabis product traceability.
31 Disclosure to local, state, and federal officials is not considered
32 public disclosure for purposes of this section;

33 (26) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
34 obtained by the retirement board of any city that is responsible for
35 the management of an employees' retirement system pursuant to the
36 authority of chapter 35.39 RCW, when the information relates to
37 investments in private funds, to the extent that such information, if
38 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in loss to the
39 retirement fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
40 information except that (a) the names and commitment amounts of the

1 private funds in which retirement funds are invested and (b) the
2 aggregate quarterly performance results for a retirement fund's
3 portfolio of investments in such funds are subject to disclosure;

4 (27) Proprietary financial, commercial, operations, and technical
5 and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the
6 liquor and cannabis board in applications for cannabis research
7 licenses under RCW 69.50.372, or in reports submitted by cannabis
8 research licensees in accordance with rules adopted by the liquor and
9 cannabis board under RCW 69.50.372;

10 (28) Trade secrets, technology, proprietary information, and
11 financial considerations contained in any agreements or contracts,
12 entered into by a licensed cannabis business under RCW 69.50.395,
13 which may be submitted to or obtained by the state liquor and
14 cannabis board;

15 (29) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
16 research information and data submitted to or obtained by the Andy
17 Hill cancer research endowment program in applications for, or
18 delivery of, grants under chapter 43.348 RCW, to the extent that such
19 information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in
20 private loss to providers of this information;

21 (30) Proprietary information filed with the department of health
22 under chapter 69.48 RCW;

23 (31) Records filed with the department of ecology under chapter
24 70A.515 RCW that a court has determined are confidential valuable
25 commercial information under RCW 70A.515.130;

26 (32) Unaggregated financial, proprietary, or commercial
27 information submitted to or obtained by the liquor and cannabis board
28 in applications for licenses under RCW 66.24.140 or 66.24.145, or in
29 any reports or remittances submitted by a person licensed under RCW
30 66.24.140 or 66.24.145 under rules adopted by the liquor and cannabis
31 board under chapter 66.08 RCW;

32 (33) Formulas and data public risk pools used to calculate rates
33 for pool member contributions or assessments, and actuarial analyses
34 and reports prepared by or for public risk pools; ~~((and))~~

35 (34) Unaggregated or individual information submitted to the
36 department of revenue under RCW 82.17.020 pertaining to the sales
37 price of zero-emission vehicle credits in transactions between
38 manufacturers; and

39 (35) Information that is confidential pursuant to section 9(1) of
40 this act, relating to the tourism assessment program.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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