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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; and (e) beverage producers.

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

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

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

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

30 (2) (a) For the initial board, the tourism self-supported
31 assessment advisory group created by section 3, chapter 189, Laws of
32 2025 shall prepare a list of nominees for appointment to the
33 ratepayer oversight board. All nominees for membership on the
34 ratepayer oversight board must be employees or officers of businesses
35 subject to the assessment imposed under section 5 of this act,
36 pursuant to assessment ratification procedures established under
37 section 6 of this act.

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

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

7 (d) On the recommendation of the advisory group, the authority
8 may remove any appointed member of the ratepayer oversight board for
9 inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or four unexcused
10 absences in one year.

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

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

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

16 (c) Monitor program effectiveness and recommend adjustments.

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

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

21 (a) Sector-specific classifications;

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

24 (c) A referendum process for ratification;

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

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

28 (f) Program term length; and

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

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

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** RATIFICATION MECHANISM. (1)(a) Within
38 three years of the effective date of this section, the ratepayer

1 oversight board shall conduct a referendum among affected businesses
2 to ratify the proposed assessment program. In the case of a failed
3 ratification, the board may continue to resubmit the same proposal or
4 a modified proposal beyond the three-year limitation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** NONPAYMENT AND ENFORCEMENT. (1) Failure to
2 pay an assessment constitutes a debt to the state.

3 (2) The authority may:

4 (a) Impose a penalty of up to 10 percent of the unpaid
5 assessment; and

6 (b) Bring a civil action in court to recover unpaid assessments.

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

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

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

15 (1) The chair of the board of directors of the tourism marketing
16 authority must appoint a tourism self-supported assessment advisory
17 group no later than two weeks following the effective date of this
18 section. The advisory group must evaluate the viability of an
19 industry self-supported assessment to fund statewide tourism
20 promotion and recommend procedures to establish the self-supported
21 assessment.

22 (2) The tourism self-supported assessment advisory group must
23 consist of at least eight members that represent sectors of the
24 tourism industry that may be considered for the self-supported
25 assessment, including:

26 (a) Two members representing the lodging sector;

27 (b) One member representing the beverage sector;

28 (c) One member representing the arts and culture sector;

29 (d) One member representing the tour operators sector;

30 (e) One member representing the attractions sector;

31 (f) One member representing the transportation sector; and

32 (g) One member representing a statewide Washington tourism
33 promotion nonprofit.

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

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

1 (b) The self-supported assessment methodology including the
2 petition process for businesses to approve the self-supported
3 assessment;

4 (c) The rate of self-supported assessment for each business
5 classification;

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

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

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

12 (4) The board of directors of the tourism marketing authority
13 must comply with the requirements of RCW 43.18A.020 in making
14 appointments provided in this section. The department of commerce
15 must provide the report required in RCW 43.18A.020.

16 (5) The tourism self-supported assessment advisory group must
17 submit its recommendations in writing to the legislature by November
18 1, 2025.

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

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

22 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
23 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

26 (2) "Board" means the Washington tourism marketing authority
27 board of directors.

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

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

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

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

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

36 (1) The Washington tourism marketing authority is established as
37 a public body constituting an instrumentality of the state of
38 Washington.

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

5 (3) The authority is responsible for developing and administering
6 a tourism assessment program as set forth in chapter 43.--- RCW (the
7 new chapter created in section 15 of this act). When developing the
8 program, the authority may consider the October 31, 2025, advisory
9 report authorized by section 3, chapter 189, Laws of 2025. The
10 authority's primary activities of administering government tax funds
11 shall be governed by the board. The authority's activities with
12 respect to the tourism assessment program shall be governed by the
13 ratepayer oversight board.

14 (4) The department provides administrative assistance to the
15 authority and serves as the fiscal agent of the authority for moneys
16 appropriated for purposes of the authority.

17 ((4)) (5) The authority must create a private local account to
18 receive nonstate funds and state funds, other than general fund state
19 funds, contributed to the authority for purposes of this chapter.

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

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

24 (a) Two members and two alternates from the house of
25 representatives, with one member and one alternate appointed from
26 each of the two major caucuses of the house of representatives by the
27 speaker of the house of representatives;

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

31 (c) ((Nine)) Thirteen representatives ~~((with expertise in the~~
32 ~~tourism industry and related businesses including, but not limited~~
33 ~~to, hotel, restaurant, outdoor recreation, attractions, retail, and~~
34 ~~rental car businesses appointed by the governor.~~

35 ~~Appointments by the governor must reflect diversity in geography,~~
36 ~~size of business, gender, and ethnicity. No county may have more than~~
37 ~~two appointments and no city may have more than one appointment)) of
38 tourism businesses appointed by the governor as follows:~~

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

6 (ii) Two members representing destination marketing
7 organizations; and

8 (iii) Three members representing tourism businesses.

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

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

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

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

17 (4) The board must select from its membership the chair of the
18 board and such other officers as it deems appropriate. The chair of
19 the board must be a member from the tourism industry or related
20 businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 **Sec. 14.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2025 c 419 s 9, 2025 c 176 s 1, and
38 2025 c 81 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

14 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
15 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters
16 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
17 under RCW 43.23.035;

18 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
19 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
20 services provided by chapters 43.325, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, 43.168,
21 and 43.181 RCW and RCW 43.155.160, or during application for economic
22 development loans or program services provided by any local agency;

23 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports,
24 and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
25 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
26 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

27 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
28 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
29 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
30 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the
31 providers of this information;

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (ii) Information that describes the internal operational system
19 or internal procedures of the gaming facility designed to promote
20 efficiency, safeguard assets, and avoid fraud and error, including
21 but not limited to records pertaining to security camera technical
22 specifications, operation, and placement; cash out procedures and
23 locations; cage security information; building access controls; and
24 personally identifiable information control procedures;

25 (iii) Gaming facility security information, including but not
26 limited to descriptions of facility layout and schematics, firewall
27 configurations, network topologies, source code, software files,
28 cryptographic hashes of software files, risk and security assessment
29 reports, disaster recovery plans, incident response plans, and any
30 other sensitive information that may negatively impact the security
31 of the facility if released; and

32 (iv) Gaming equipment information, including but not limited to
33 related hardware, software, and security information, such as
34 firewall configurations, field testing data and results from testing,
35 network topologies or diagrams, source code, software files,
36 cryptographic hashes of software files, schematics, user credentials,
37 system components, and any other sensitive information about the
38 equipment that may compromise the security and integrity of the
39 equipment if released;

1 (c) Valuable formulae or financial or proprietary commercial
2 information records received during a consultative visit or while
3 providing consultative services to a licensed cannabis business in
4 accordance with RCW 69.50.561;

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

13 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of
14 commerce:

15 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any
16 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
17 43.330.050(8);

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

25 (iii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any
26 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
27 43.31.625 (3)(b) and (4);

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

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

33 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of 60 days to the
34 department of commerce from a person connected with siting,
35 recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's
36 business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be
37 available to the public under this chapter;

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

1 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
2 research information and data submitted to or obtained by the life
3 sciences discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery
4 of, grants under RCW 43.330.502, to the extent that such information,
5 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss
6 to the providers of this information;

7 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to
8 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
9 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does
10 not permit the identification of information related to individual
11 fuel licensees;

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

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

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

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

28 (19) Information gathered under chapter 19.85 RCW or RCW
29 34.05.328 that can be identified to a particular business;

30 (20) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
31 obtained by the University of Washington, other than information the
32 university is required to disclose under RCW 28B.20.150, when the
33 information relates to investments in private funds, to the extent
34 that such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to
35 result in loss to the University of Washington consolidated endowment
36 fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
37 information;

38 (21) Market share data submitted by a manufacturer under RCW
39 70A.500.190(4);

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

7 (23) Unaggregated or individual notices of a transfer of crude
8 oil that is financial, proprietary, or commercial information,
9 submitted to the department of ecology pursuant to RCW
10 90.56.565(1)(a), and that is in the possession of the department of
11 ecology or any entity with which the department of ecology has shared
12 the notice pursuant to RCW 90.56.565;

13 (24) Financial institution and retirement account information,
14 and building security plan information, supplied to the liquor and
15 cannabis board pursuant to RCW 69.50.325, 69.50.331, 69.50.342, and
16 69.50.345, when filed by or on behalf of a licensee or prospective
17 licensee for the purpose of obtaining, maintaining, or renewing a
18 license to produce, process, transport, or sell cannabis as allowed
19 under chapter 69.50 RCW;

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

28 (26) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
29 obtained by the retirement board of any city that is responsible for
30 the management of an employees' retirement system pursuant to the
31 authority of chapter 35.39 RCW, when the information relates to
32 investments in private funds, to the extent that such information, if
33 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in loss to the
34 retirement fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
35 information except that (a) the names and commitment amounts of the
36 private funds in which retirement funds are invested and (b) the
37 aggregate quarterly performance results for a retirement fund's
38 portfolio of investments in such funds are subject to disclosure;

39 (27) Proprietary financial, commercial, operations, and technical
40 and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the

1 liquor and cannabis board in applications for cannabis research
2 licenses under RCW 69.50.372, or in reports submitted by cannabis
3 research licensees in accordance with rules adopted by the liquor and
4 cannabis board under RCW 69.50.372;

5 (28) Trade secrets, technology, proprietary information, and
6 financial considerations contained in any agreements or contracts,
7 entered into by a licensed cannabis business under RCW 69.50.395,
8 which may be submitted to or obtained by the state liquor and
9 cannabis board;

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

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

18 (31) Records filed with the department of ecology under chapter
19 70A.515 RCW that a court has determined are confidential valuable
20 commercial information under RCW 70A.515.130;

21 (32) Unaggregated financial, proprietary, or commercial
22 information submitted to or obtained by the liquor and cannabis board
23 in applications for licenses under RCW 66.24.140 or 66.24.145, or in
24 any reports or remittances submitted by a person licensed under RCW
25 66.24.140 or 66.24.145 under rules adopted by the liquor and cannabis
26 board under chapter 66.08 RCW;

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

30 (34) Unaggregated or individual information submitted to the
31 department of revenue under RCW 82.17.020 pertaining to the sales
32 price of zero-emission vehicle credits in transactions between
33 manufacturers; and

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

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

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