

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2156

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2156** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Obras, Goodman, Leavitt, Reed, Zahn, Thomas, Gregerson, Ormsby, Reeves, Thai, Macri, Fosse, and Salahuddin; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of investigators of the attorney
2 general's office; and adding a new section to chapter 43.10 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 43.10
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The attorney general shall designate investigator positions
7 that are limited authority Washington peace officers as defined in
8 RCW 10.93.020.

9 (2) An investigator designated as a limited authority Washington
10 peace officer under this section may investigate economic and
11 financial crimes.

12 (3) The authority of an investigator in this section does not
13 include the power to detain or arrest, and an investigator shall not
14 be armed.

15 (4) The authority of an investigator in this section to serve
16 search warrants is limited to electronic service on a business after
17 the search warrant is approved by a judicial officer. An investigator
18 shall not physically serve a search warrant for business records.

19 (5) An investigator who is a limited authority Washington peace
20 officer under this section is subject to all applicable requirements

1 in chapter 43.101 RCW, including but not limited to training and
2 criminal background checks.

3 (6) The attorney general shall not employ any person as a limited
4 authority Washington peace officer investigator if that person's
5 history or conduct meets the standards requiring denial, suspension,
6 or revocation of an officer's certification under RCW 43.101.105.

7 (7) The investigative authority or criminal jurisdiction of any
8 other law enforcement agency is not modified by this section.

9 (8) For the purposes of this section, "investigator" means an
10 employee of the office of the attorney general whose job
11 responsibilities include investigation of a suspected economic or
12 financial crime. "Investigator" does not include office of the
13 attorney general personnel identified in RCW 74.67.010.

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