
SENATE BILL 5688

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1 AN ACT Relating to acknowledging Washington state's
2 constitutional rights, including state sovereignty, as guaranteed by
3 the United States Constitution and Washington Constitution to ensure
4 that no state resources are expended enforcing any federal order that
5 violates the United States Constitution, Washington Constitution, or
6 judicial precedent; adding new sections to chapter 43.01 RCW;
7 creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is incumbent
10 upon the state of Washington to protect Washingtonians from
11 unconstitutional federal and state actions. The legislature also
12 finds that federal executive orders that are unconstitutional and
13 violate legal precedents or standards should not be followed. The
14 legislature, therefore, intends to ensure no official or employee of
15 the state or its political subdivisions will be required or
16 authorized to act in violation of the United States Constitution or
17 Washington Constitution, and that the state will seek to recover any
18 costs associated with fighting for the rights of the citizens of
19 Washington.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 No state or local official or employee, agent of the state of
4 Washington or its political subdivisions, employee of a corporation
5 providing services for the state of Washington, or member of the
6 national guard or state defense forces acting in his or her capacity
7 as a state or local official or employee, is required or authorized
8 to act in an official capacity to follow any federal executive order
9 which does not comply with the United States Constitution, the
10 Washington Constitution, or judicial precedents or standards.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 Any state or local agency, including law enforcement and
14 emergency services agencies, that incurs costs as a result of
15 protecting the rights of citizens under the First Amendment to the
16 United States Constitution to protest any federal executive order
17 which does not comply with the United States Constitution, the
18 Washington Constitution, or judicial precedents or standards may
19 submit an invoice to the United States department of the treasury
20 allocating those costs and seeking reimbursement.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act may be known and cited as the
22 Washington sovereignty act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
25 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
26 effect immediately.

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