

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2156**

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LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 29 Nays 19

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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BOB FERGUSON

**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.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

March 31, 2026

**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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