
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5303

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Heavey, Quigley, Winsley, Deccio, Hochstatter and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to official travel by public officers and
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 42.04 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 42.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.23
4 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the practice of
7 some public officers and employees of using first class airplane
8 accommodations if traveling on public business is a wasteful use of
9 public resources.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.04 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Any state or local government officer, whether elected or
13 appointed, and any state or local government employee who is required
14 to travel in the discharge of the duties of his or her position or
15 employment at public expense shall minimize travel expenses when travel
16 by commercial air carrier is required, by traveling at the least-
17 expensive fare routinely available through a licensed travel agency for
18 the most direct and timely routing on the carrier selected unless

1 otherwise required as a reasonable accommodation for persons with
2 disabilities or unless any additional cost is paid personally by the
3 traveler.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A violation of section 2 of this act by a state officer or employee
7 constitutes a violation of this chapter. The penalty for violation of
8 section 2 of this act shall be a fine, payable to the general fund of
9 the state, equal to three times the amount that was overpaid for
10 travel.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 42.23 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Any officer or local government employee violating section 2 of
14 this act shall be liable to the municipality of which he or she is an
15 officer for a penalty equal to three times the amount that was overpaid
16 for travel.

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