
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6284

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Drew, Haugen, Winsley, McCaslin and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales and use tax exemptions for public records;
2 adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 82.12 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to the sale of
9 public records by state and local agencies, as the terms are defined in
10 RCW 42.17.020, that are copied under a request for the record for which
11 no fee is charged other than a fee to reimburse the agency for its
12 actual costs directly incident to the copying. A request for a record
13 includes a request for a document not available to the public but
14 available to those persons who by law are allowed access to the
15 document, such as requests for fire reports, law enforcement reports,
16 taxpayer information, and academic transcripts.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with respect to the
2 use of public records sold by state and local agencies, as the terms
3 are defined in RCW 42.17.020, that are obtained under a request for the
4 record for which no fee is charged other than a fee to reimburse the
5 agency for its actual costs directly incident to the copying. A
6 request for a record includes a request for a document not available to
7 the public but available to those persons who by law are allowed access
8 to the document, such as requests for fire reports, law enforcement
9 reports, taxpayer information, and academic transcripts.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
13 effect April 1, 1996.

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