

SENATE BILL 5196

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By Senators West, Wojahn and L. Kreidler; by request of Health Care Authority.

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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of information by the health care
2 authority and state employees benefit board; and amending RCW
3 41.05.026.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.026 and 1990 c 222 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) When soliciting proposals for the purpose of awarding contracts
8 for goods or services, the administrator shall, upon written request by
9 the bidder, exempt from public inspection and copying such proprietary
10 data, trade secrets, or other information contained in the bidder's
11 proposal that relate to the bidder's unique methods of conducting
12 business or of determining prices or premium rates to be charged for
13 services under terms of the proposal.

14 (2) Actuarial formulas, statistics, cost and utilization data, or
15 other proprietary information submitted upon request of the

1 administrator or board by a contracting insurer, health care service
2 contractor, health maintenance organization, or vendor may be withheld
3 from public inspection when necessary to preserve trade secrets or
4 prevent unfair competition.

5 (3) The board may hold an executive session during any regular or
6 special meeting to discuss information submitted in accordance with
7 subsection (1) or (2) of this section.