

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2865

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning the release of personal financial information obtained by a governmental agency.

By House Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Valle, Sheldon and Roland).

House Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing  
Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development

**Background:** Financial and commercial information furnished by businesses to state agencies for participation in economic development programs is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Disclosure Act. Similar information submitted to local governments is not exempt from public disclosure.

The Clean Washington Center was created within the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development to provide targeted assistance to businesses that use recycled materials. Business information submitted to the Clean Washington Center is not exempt from public disclosure.

**Summary:** Financial and commercial information submitted by any person or business in order to apply for economic development loans or program services provided by a local government agency is exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Disclosure Act.

Financial, commercial, operational, technical and research information submitted to or obtained by the Clean Washington Center in the course of expanding markets for recycled products is exempt from public disclosure and copying.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	93	0	
Senate	43	1	(Senate amended)
House	93	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 1, 1994