

1 **SHB 1955** - H AMD

2 By Representative McIntire

3 On page 5, after line 27, insert the following:

4 "(14) Individuals whose information may be shared with other  
5 agencies or organizations for program operation purposes under data-  
6 sharing contracts must be provided with a consent form authorizing the  
7 release of information to the agencies specified in the contract. The  
8 consent form shall stipulate the sanctions for misuse of information  
9 listed in subsection (13) of this section. The data-sharing contract  
10 shall stipulate these sanctions to agencies and organizations entering  
11 into contracts with the department. The consent form shall inform  
12 applicants that a refusal to give consent for the release of  
13 information shall not make the applicant ineligible to receive  
14 services. Consent forms shall be provided in English as well as an  
15 alternative language selected by the worksource center or job service  
16 center as appropriate for the community where the center is located.  
17 Interpreters shall be provided as needed. One copy of the consent form  
18 must be entered into the applicant's file and one copy must be provided  
19 to the applicant."

**EFFECT:** Consent forms must be provided to individuals whose information is being shared under data-sharing contracts with other agencies that may provide services to the individual. Both data-sharing contracts and the consent form must state the sanctions that may be imposed for misuse of the information.

The consent form must:

(1) Inform applicants that their failure to give consent does not affect their ability to receive services; and

(2) Use both English and an alternate language selected by the worksource or job service center that is appropriate for the community where the center is located.