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1 AN ACT Relating to liability insurance for law enforcement
2 personnel; and amending RCW 36.16.138.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.16.138 and 1975 c 16 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any board of commissioners, council, or board of directors or other
7 governing board of any county, city, town, school district, port
8 district, public utility district, sewer district, water district,
9 irrigation district, or other municipal corporation or political
10 subdivision is authorized to purchase insurance to protect and hold
11 personally harmless any of its commissioners, council members,
12 directors, or other governing board members, and any of its other
13 officers, employees, and agents, including but not limited to law
14 enforcement personnel, from any action, claim, or proceeding instituted
15 against the foregoing individuals arising out of the performance,
16 purported performance, or failure of performance, in good faith of
17 duties for, or employment with, such institutions and to hold these
18 individuals harmless from any expenses connected with the defense,
19 settlement, or monetary judgments from such actions, claims, or

1 proceedings. The purchase of such insurance for any of the foregoing
2 individuals and the policy limits shall be discretionary with the
3 municipal corporation or political subdivision, and such insurance
4 shall not be considered to be compensation for these individuals.

5 The provisions of this section are cumulative and in addition to
6 any other provision of law authorizing any municipal corporation or
7 political subdivision to purchase liability insurance.

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