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By Representatives Lambert, Lovick, Cox and Bush

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1 AN ACT Relating to theft by public officers or employees; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 9A.56 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that public officers  
5 and public employees hold a special position of trust as public  
6 servants, and as fiduciaries of that trust must be held to a higher  
7 standard of accountability for criminal actions that result in the  
8 theft of government property or services paid for with public funds.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.56 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 A public officer or employee who is convicted of theft of any  
12 property or service, where the property or service was government  
13 property or a government service, or was paid for, in whole or in part,  
14 with public funds, shall serve no less than one-third the maximum time  
15 of confinement imposed within the sentence range for the offense based

1 on the offender score, and without the possibility of release until  
2 such minimum time has been served.

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