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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5928**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

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1 AN ACT Relating to good faith communications to self-regulatory  
2 organizations delegated authority by government agencies; and amending  
3 RCW 4.24.510.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.510 and 1989 c 234 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 A person who in good faith communicates a complaint or information  
8 to any agency of federal, state, or local government, or to any self-  
9 regulatory organization that regulates persons involved in the  
10 securities or futures business and that has been delegated authority by  
11 a federal, state, or local government agency and is subject to  
12 oversight by the delegating agency, is immune from civil liability for  
13 claims based upon the communication to the agency or organization  
14 regarding any matter reasonably of concern to that agency (~~shall be~~  
15 ~~immune from civil liability on claims based upon the communication to~~  
16 ~~the agency)) or organization. A person prevailing upon the defense~~

1 provided for in this section shall be entitled to recover costs and  
2 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in establishing the defense.

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