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SENATE BILL 6522

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By Senators Kline, McCaslin, Kastama, Eide and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to communications with government branches or  
2 agencies and self-regulatory organizations; and amending RCW 4.24.510.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.24.510 and 1999 c 54 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 A person who (~~in good faith~~) communicates a complaint or  
7 information to any branch or agency of federal, state, or local  
8 government, or to any self-regulatory organization that regulates  
9 persons involved in the securities or futures business and that has  
10 been delegated authority by a federal, state, or local government  
11 agency and is subject to oversight by the delegating agency, is immune  
12 from civil liability for claims based upon the communication to the  
13 agency or organization regarding any matter reasonably of concern to  
14 that agency or organization. A person prevailing upon the defense  
15 provided for in this section (~~shall be~~) is entitled to recover  
16 (~~costs~~) expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in  
17 establishing the defense and in addition shall receive statutory  
18 damages of ten thousand dollars. Statutory damages may be denied if

1 the court finds that the complaint or information was communicated in  
2 bad faith.

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