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Brief Description: Creating a registry of advocates to assist whistleblowers.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Requires the director of the department of personnel to establish a rotational registry system to appoint and monitor advocates for those whistleblowers who allege retaliation under RCW 42.40.050.

Provides that advocates shall be limited to representation of the whistleblower under RCW 49.60.230 and 49.60.240, including the conference and conciliation stage under RCW 49.60.240. If the parties proceed under RCW 49.60.250 the human rights commission shall provide representation.

Requires the advocate to provide the commission all documents and records, and shall cooperate with the commission in its function as representative of the whistleblower. The whistleblower retaliation advocate shall not accept private employment by the whistleblower under RCW 49.60.250.

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