

6439-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Gardner, Haugen, McCaslin and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke and Attorney General)

Brief Description: Protecting certain domestic security records.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Proposes to protect those portions of records assembled, prepared, or maintained to prevent, mitigate, or respond to criminal terrorist acts, which are acts that significantly disrupt the conduct of government or of the general civilian population of the state or the United States and that manifest an extreme indifference to human life, the public disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of threatening public safety, consisting of: (1) Specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique response or deployment plans, including compiled underlying data collected in preparation of or essential to the assessments, or to the response or deployment plans; and

(2) Records not subject to public disclosure under federal law that are shared by federal or international agencies, and information prepared from national security briefings provided to state or local government officials related to domestic preparedness for acts of terrorism.

Provides that, no later than September 1, 2004, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall review the effect of RCW 42.17.310(1) (ww) and (aaa) on state agency performance in responding to requests for disclosure of records under chapter 42.17 RCW. In conducting this review the joint legislative audit and review committee shall select a representative sample of requests for public disclosure, and the agencies' responses to those requests, from up to five state agencies. The joint legislative audit and review committee shall report its findings to the legislature no later than November 30, 2004.