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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2557**

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**By** House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Kagi, Pearson, Lovick, Carrell, Miloscia, Moeller and Rockefeller)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the collection of criminal palmprint records;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       (1) Any incarcerated adult or juvenile that is serving a jail or  
7 prison sentence for any criminal offense constituting a felony or gross  
8 misdemeanor shall be palmprinted anytime prior to release from  
9 incarceration. An agency required to collect palmprints is authorized  
10 to charge the incarcerated adult or juvenile a fee of not more than ten  
11 dollars to record and maintain palmprint records.

12       (2) City, county, or state correctional institutions are not  
13 required to comply with this section if the incarcerated offender's  
14 palmprints are already recorded with the Washington state patrol, or  
15 any local Washington state law enforcement agency.

16       (3) Palmprints collected under this section may be transmitted to  
17 the Washington state patrol. The Washington state patrol is not  
18 required to accept palmprints collected under this section until it has

1 created rules regarding the acceptance of palmprints and has the  
2 resources to utilize the palmprints as part of its automated  
3 fingerprint imaging system.

4 (4) This section does not apply to a city or county correctional  
5 institution if the incarcerated adult or juvenile is being held in the  
6 city or county correctional institution pending transport to the  
7 department of corrections or the department of social and health  
8 services.

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