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By Senators Mulliken, Hargrove, Stevens and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to detection and investigation of fraud by the  
2 department of social and health services; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The department shall investigate any discrepancy, including any  
8 overpayment or fraud, and shall report all fraudulent activity to local  
9 law enforcement. Fraud includes overpayments where it is found by the  
10 department that the provider or recipient failed to disclose or  
11 misrepresents material facts. When evidence or other information  
12 compiled as part of fraud investigations conducted under this chapter  
13 indicate that there is any potential for criminal violations, all  
14 findings, evidence, and supporting information shall be transferred in  
15 a timely manner to law enforcement officers in the county in which the  
16 fraud was allegedly committed. The county law enforcement officers  
17 shall have access to department fraud investigators and any additional

1 personnel or information they may need. Department fraud investigators  
2 shall cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

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