

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1897

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 13, 2007
Yeas 94 Nays 2

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2007
Yeas 44 Nays 4

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1897** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1897

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By House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams and Hunt)

READ FIRST TIME 2/28/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of attorney invoices; and creating a
2 new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
5 clarify that no reasonable construction of chapter 42.56 RCW has ever
6 allowed attorney invoices to be withheld in their entirety by any
7 public entity in a request for documents under that chapter. It is
8 further the intent of the legislature that specific descriptions of
9 work performed be redacted only if they would reveal an attorney's
10 mental impressions, actual legal advice, theories, or opinions, or are
11 otherwise exempt under this act or other laws, with the burden upon the
12 public entity to justify each redaction and narrowly construe any
13 exception to full disclosure. The legislature intends to clarify that
14 the public's interest in open, accountable government includes an
15 accounting of any expenditure of public resources, including through
16 liability insurance, upon private legal counsel or private consultants.

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