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By Representatives Lias and Miloscia

1 AN ACT Relating to public records; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 42.56 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 42.56 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature recognizes that text messaging is used in the  
7 course of doing public business. The legislature also recognizes that  
8 these messages are not retained by wireless service providers.

9 (2) Public agencies may not use text messaging functions on  
10 publicly owned wireless devices unless those messages may be downloaded  
11 and stored as public records.

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