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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6431

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Ranker, Berkey, Tom, and Shin)

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- AN ACT Relating to the use and disclosure of video camera or other
- 2 recording device data on public transportation facilities; and amending
- 3 RCW 47.04.240.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.240 and 1999 c 215 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 (1) The department, a county, city, town, any other public entity,
- 8 and any private entity under the public-private transportation
- 9 initiatives authorized under chapter 47.46 RCW, that provides transit,
- 10 high-speed ground transportation, high capacity transportation service,
- 11 ferry service, toll facilities, or other public transportation service
- 12 or facilities may only use personally identifiable information obtained
- 13 from the use of electronic toll payments, transit passes, or other fare
- 14 media such as magnetic strip cards or stored value cards for billing
- 15 purposes. This information may not be used to track or monitor
- 16 individual use of the public transportation facilities or service,
- 17 except for billing purposes and to provide statistical compilations and
- 18 reports that do not identify an individual.

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(2) The department, a county, city, town, and any other public entity that provides transit, high-speed ground transportation, high capacity transportation service, ferry service, or other public transportation service or facilities may use video cameras or other devices to record events on public transportation facilities, including on buses, trains, and streetcars, for the purposes of promoting public safety and assisting in crime or accident investigations. The recordings may also be used for internal training purposes by the recording entity. However, such data, whether audio or video, is not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW, except that such data may be disclosed to the news media when reporting on public transportation or public safety.

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