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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting agreements between state agencies and
2 the federal government; adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature is responsible for the
6 oversight and control of the state budget as it applies to the various
7 state agencies. The legislature finds that state agencies regularly
8 enter into a wide variety of agreements with the federal government,
9 requiring the commitment of state resources, but that are neither
10 reviewed nor expressly approved by the legislature. Accordingly, a
11 statutory mechanism is needed to provide the legislature with
12 comprehensive information regarding these federal agreements in order
13 to enable the legislature to monitor and evaluate the budgetary and
14 fiscal impacts of the agreements, as well as their policy implications.
15 This act provides a statutory framework for ongoing legislative
16 oversight of the agreements between state agencies and the federal
17 government and will thus enable the legislature to better exercise its
18 authority to review and control the expenditure of state resources.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) On or before November 1, 2011, and not later than November 1st
4 each year thereafter, each state agency shall submit a written report
5 to the speaker and minority leader of the Washington house of
6 representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Washington
7 senate, and the governor, providing a comprehensive, detailed
8 description of every agreement between the agency and the federal
9 government. At minimum, the report must contain the following
10 information:

11 (a) The type of agreement, including a comprehensive description of
12 its contents;

13 (b) The purposes, goals, and public benefits to be derived from the
14 agreement;

15 (c) A detailed description, including the dollar amounts, of any
16 grants, funds, revenues, or fiscal impacts likely to result from the
17 agreement;

18 (d) The identification of the specific statute, rule, or
19 constitutional provision providing the legal basis for the agreement;

20 (e) The identification of the specific agencies, both state and
21 federal, entering into the agreement; and

22 (f) The identification of every state officer, employee, or other
23 state agent participating in the creation, negotiation, or approval of
24 the agreement.

25 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
26 section.

27 (a) "Agency" means and includes every state office, officer, and
28 employee, and every institution, department, board, and commission.

29 (b) "Agreement" means any contract, agreement, memorandum of
30 understanding, or other arrangement between a state agency and the
31 federal government that requires an agency or other state governmental
32 entity to take action or otherwise expend state resources in order to
33 comply with the terms of the agreement.

34 (3) This section applies to all agreements in effect as of the
35 effective date of this section and to all agreements entered into or
36 renewed on or after July 1, 2011.

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