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By Representatives Jinkins, Lias, Moeller, Reykdal, Pedersen, and Roberts; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of information of an address  
2 confidentiality program participant contained in state registered  
3 domestic partnership applications and records; and adding a new section  
4 to chapter 26.60 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.60 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) If a program participant under chapter 40.24 RCW notifies the  
9 secretary of state as required under rules adopted by the secretary,  
10 the secretary shall not make available for inspection or copying the  
11 name and address of a program participant contained in state registered  
12 domestic partnership applications and records filed under this chapter,  
13 except under the following circumstances:

14 (a) If requested by a law enforcement agency, to the law  
15 enforcement agency; and

16 (i) The participant's application under chapter 40.24 RCW contains  
17 no indication that he or she has been a victim of domestic violence,  
18 sexual assault, or stalking perpetrated by a law enforcement employee;  
19 and

1           (ii) The request is in accordance with official law enforcement  
2 duties and is in writing on official law enforcement letterhead  
3 stationery and signed by the law enforcement agency's chief officer or  
4 his or her designee; or

5           (b) If directed by a court order, to a person identified in the  
6 order; and

7           (i) The request is made by a nonlaw enforcement agency; or

8           (ii) The participant's file indicates he or she has reason to  
9 believe he or she is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or  
10 stalking perpetrated by a law enforcement employee.

11          (2) The secretary must review the participant's application for  
12 indication that he or she has been a victim of domestic violence,  
13 sexual assault, or stalking perpetrated by a law enforcement employee  
14 before releasing information.

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