
HOUSE BILL 2526

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1 AN ACT Relating to public access to negotiations with and records
2 concerning certain public employee representatives; amending RCW
3 42.30.140; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 41.80 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 42.56
5 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.56 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations
10 specified in RCW 41.56.026, 41.56.028, 41.56.029, and 41.56.510 shall
11 be conducted as open public meetings as provided for in chapter 42.30
12 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.80 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations under
16 this chapter shall be conducted as open public meetings as provided for
17 in chapter 42.30 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Records before and during the course of any collective bargaining,
4 labor negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings that would
5 reveal the strategy or position being taken by an agency are exempt
6 from disclosure under this chapter.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.30.140 and 1990 c 98 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 If any provision of this chapter conflicts with the provisions of
10 any other statute, the provisions of this chapter shall control:
11 PROVIDED, That this chapter shall not apply to:

12 (1) The proceedings concerned with the formal issuance of an order
13 granting, suspending, revoking, or denying any license, permit, or
14 certificate to engage in any business, occupation, or profession or to
15 any disciplinary proceedings involving a member of such business,
16 occupation, or profession, or to receive a license for a sports
17 activity or to operate any mechanical device or motor vehicle where a
18 license or registration is necessary; or

19 (2) That portion of a meeting of a quasi-judicial body which
20 relates to a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as
21 distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or on
22 a class or group; or

23 (3) Matters governed by chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative
24 procedure act; or

25 (4) ~~((a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee~~
26 ~~organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and~~
27 ~~discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor~~
28 ~~agreement; or (b) that)) The portion of a meeting during which the
29 governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be
30 taken by the governing body during the course of any collective
31 bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation
32 proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or
33 proceedings while in progress.~~

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