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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5553**

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**State of Washington                      62nd Legislature                      2011 Regular Session**

**By Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections**  
**(originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/11.

1            AN ACT Relating to posting information on public agencies' web  
2 sites; adding a new section to chapter 42.30 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.30 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The agenda of all regular meetings of the governing body of  
8 every public agency, special purpose district, and any municipality  
9 that owns and maintains a web site shall be posted seventy-two hours  
10 before a meeting. The agenda of all special or emergency meetings  
11 shall be posted twenty-four hours before a meeting. The posting shall  
12 indicate if the agendas are in draft form.

13            (2) The text of any ordinance, rule, or regulation that is under  
14 consideration at the meeting shall be included on the web site at the  
15 same time the agenda is posted.

16            (3) The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the  
17 governing body of every public agency, special purpose district, and  
18 any municipality that owns and maintains a web site shall be posted

1 within fifteen business days after approval. All postings under this  
2 section shall remain on the web site for one calendar year.

3 (4) Every public agency, special purpose district, and any  
4 municipality that owns and maintains a public internet web site shall  
5 at all times have posted to it a roster of the names of all members of  
6 its governing body, identifying the positions, and constituency where  
7 applicable, of all members. The web site shall at all times provide  
8 both the start date and end date of the elective or appointed terms of  
9 all members.

10 (5) Subsections (1) through (3) of this section do not apply to the  
11 following public agencies, municipalities, or their respective  
12 subagencies: (a) Counties with a population of less than thirty  
13 thousand and the special purpose districts and school districts within  
14 those counties; or (b) cities or towns with a population of less than  
15 eight thousand.

16 (6) This section shall not be construed to affect existing public  
17 agency notice requirements in RCW 42.30.060 or 42.30.075.

18 (7) Any action relating to the purchase of municipal bonds is  
19 exempt from this section

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
23 July 1, 2011.

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