
Government Operations & Elections Committee

ESSB 6517

Brief Description: Exempting agency employee driver's license numbers and identicard numbers from public inspection and copying.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Governmental Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Chase, Fraser and Rivers).

<p>Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exempts public agency employee and volunteer driver's license and identicard numbers from public inspection and copying.

Hearing Date: 2/26/14

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Background:

The Public Records Act (PRA) requires that all state and local government agencies make all public records available for public inspection and copying unless they fall within certain statutory exemptions. The provisions requiring public records disclosure must be interpreted liberally and the exemptions narrowly in order to effectuate a general policy favoring disclosure.

Certain employment and licensing information contained in the files of an agency is exempt from public inspection and copying under the PRA, including the following:

- examination data used to administer a license, employment, or academic examination;
- applications for public employment including names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to the applicant; and
- the residential addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security numbers, and emergency contact information of employees or volunteers of a public agency.

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Summary of Bill:

The driver's license and identicard numbers of employees or volunteers of a public agency are exempt public inspection and copying.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.