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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting transparency in government by
2 requiring public agencies with governing bodies to post agendas online
3 in advance of meetings; adding a new section to chapter 42.30 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to promote
7 transparency in government and strengthen the Washington's open public
8 meetings act. The legislature finds that it is in the best interest of
9 citizens for public agencies with governing bodies to post meeting
10 agendas on web sites before meetings. Full public review and
11 inspection of meeting agendas will promote a greater exchange of
12 information so the public can provide meaningful input related to
13 government decisions.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.30 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 Public agencies with governing bodies must make the agenda of each
17 regular meeting of the governing body available online no later than
18 twenty-four hours in advance of the published start time of the

1 meeting. An agency subject to provisions of this section is not
2 required to post an agenda if it does not have a web site or if it
3 employs fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees. Nothing in this
4 section prohibits subsequent modifications to agendas nor invalidates
5 any otherwise legal action taken at a meeting where the agenda was not
6 posted in accordance with this section. Nothing in this section
7 modifies notice requirements or shall be construed as establishing that
8 a public body or agency's online posting of an agenda as required by
9 this section is sufficient notice to satisfy public notice requirements
10 established under other laws. Failure to post an agenda in accordance
11 with this section shall not provide a basis for awarding attorney fees
12 under RCW 42.30.120 or commencing an action for mandamus or injunction
13 under RCW 42.30.130.

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