HOUSE BILL 2586

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By Representatives Christian, Muri, Haler, and Pollet

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1   AN ACT Relating to adding transparency to elections through the
2 installation of web camera surveillance systems; adding a new section
3 to chapter 29A.60 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that citizens
6 demand integrity and transparency in elections. Therefore, the
7 legislature intends to provide better transparency in elections by
8 using technology to allow for monitoring of ballot processing during
9 elections.

10   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.60 RCW
11 to read as follows:
12   (1) County auditors are required to install a web camera
13 surveillance system in counting centers. The web camera surveillance
14 system must be streamed live to the county auditor's web page. The
15 system must have a date and time stamp feature and must be capable of
16 recording forty-eight hours or more. The cameras must be installed as
17 a fixed mount with no motion and in a way to provide the best view
18 possible without compromising ballot secrecy. At a minimum, cameras

1 must be placed in the following ballot processing locations in the
2 counting center: Sorting areas, duplication area, counting and
3 tabulation areas, and the areas where unvoted and voted ballots are
4 stored.
5   (2) Cameras must be active twenty-four hours a day beginning with
6 the process of insertion of ballots in preparation for mailing to
7 military/overseas voters before a primary, an election, or special
8 election and ending upon certification of the election or election
9 recounts.

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