

SHB 2376 - H AMD 861

By Representative McBride

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1 On page 235, line 9, increase the general fund-state appropriation
2 for fiscal year 2016 by \$75,000

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4 On page 235, line 11, increase the general fund-state
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2017 by \$175,000

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7 On page 235, line 16, correct the total.

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9 On page 237, after line 3 insert the following:

10 "(12) \$75,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
11 year 2016 and \$175,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
12 fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for the William D. Ruckelhaus
13 Center to conduct a study regarding public records requests under
14 Chapter 42.56 RCW of local agencies. The study shall include:

15 (a) The effects of local agencies adopting procedures limiting
16 the time spent on responding to public records requests, and adopting
17 procedures to prioritize records requests;

18 (b) Options for local agencies to more effectively respond to
19 public records requests, including options for cost recovery
20 mechanisms;

21 (c) The feasibility, cost effectiveness of, and potential funding
22 sources for creating a public records commission with jurisdiction
23 over disputes arising between local agencies and persons making public
24 records requests; and

25 (d) Options regarding the jurisdiction, policies and procedures,
26 and location of a public records commission.

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1 A report on the results of the study with any findings and
2 recommendations shall be presented to the appropriate fiscal and
3 policy committees of the legislature by December 1, 2017."

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EFFECT: Provides \$250,000 from the General Fund-State appropriations to the William D. Ruckelhaus Center to conduct a study concerning public records requests of local agencies. A report must be submitted to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the legislature by December 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$250,000.

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