

HB 2362.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Body worn camera recordings to the extent nondisclosure is essential for the protection of a person's right to privacy.

Requires law enforcement agencies and corrections agencies that deploy body worn cameras to: (1) Establish policies regarding the use of the cameras; and

(2) Retain body worn camera recordings for at least sixty days and thereafter may destroy the records.

Requires the legislature to convene a task force to examine the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and corrections agencies.

Encourages the city or town legislative authority, if a city or town is not deploying body worn cameras, to adopt an ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of body worn cameras before their use by law enforcement or a corrections agency.

Provides that, for state and local agencies, a body worn camera may only be used by officers employed by a general authority Washington law enforcement agency, officers employed by the department of corrections, and personnel for jails and detention facilities.