
SENATE BILL 5724

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1 AN ACT Relating to acknowledging Washington state's
2 constitutional rights, including state sovereignty, as guaranteed by
3 the United States Constitution and Washington Constitution to ensure
4 that no state resources are expended enforcing any federal order that
5 violates the United States Constitution, Washington Constitution, or
6 judicial precedent; adding new sections to chapter 43.01 RCW;
7 creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is incumbent
10 upon the state of Washington to protect Washingtonians from
11 unconstitutional federal action. The legislature also finds that
12 federal executive orders that are unconstitutional and violate legal
13 standards should not be followed. The legislature, therefore, intends
14 to ensure no state official or employee will be required to act in
15 violation of the United States Constitution or Washington
16 Constitution, and that the state will seek to recover any costs
17 associated with fighting for the rights of the citizens of
18 Washington.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 No state or local official or employee, agent of the state of
2 Washington, employee of a corporation providing services for the
3 state of Washington, or member of the national guard or state defense
4 forces acting in his or her capacity as a state or local official or
5 employee, is required to act in an official capacity to follow any
6 federal executive order which does not comply with the United States
7 Constitution, the Washington Constitution, or judicial precedent.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 Any state or local agency, including law enforcement and
11 emergency services agencies, that incurs costs as a result of
12 protecting the rights of citizens under the First Amendment to the
13 United States Constitution to protest any federal executive order
14 which does not comply with the United States Constitution, the
15 Washington Constitution, or judicial precedent may submit an invoice
16 to the United States department of the treasury allocating those
17 costs and seeking reimbursement.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act may be known and cited as the
19 Washington sovereignty act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
22 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
23 effect immediately.

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