

E2SHB 1477 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2948.2/21) **897**
By Senator Rolfes

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1 On page 17, after line 33, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 108.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) When acting in their statutory capacities pursuant to this
5 act, the state, department, authority, state enhanced 911
6 coordination office, emergency management division, military
7 department, any other state agency, and their officers, employees,
8 and agents are deemed to be carrying out duties owed to the public in
9 general and not to any individual person or class of persons separate
10 and apart from the public. Nothing contained in this act may be
11 construed to evidence a legislative intent that the duties to be
12 performed by the state, department, authority, state enhanced 911
13 coordination office, emergency management division, military
14 department, any other state agency, and their officers, employees,
15 and agents, as required by this act, are owed to any individual
16 person or class of persons separate and apart from the public in
17 general.

18 (2) Each crisis call center hub designated by the department
19 under any contract or agreement pursuant to this act shall be deemed
20 to be an independent contractor, separate and apart from the
21 department and the state."

EFFECT: Provides that duties related to this act performed by the state, Department of Health, Washington State Health Care Authority, State Enhanced 911 Coordination Office, Emergency Management Division, Military Department, or any other state agency or their employees are duties owed to the general public and not to any individual person or class of persons. Crisis call center hubs designated by the Department of Health are deemed to be independent contractors, separate and apart from the state.

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