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1 On page 6, after line 4, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The office of financial management
3 shall contract for an independent security evaluation audit of state
4 agency information technology in the state of Washington. The
5 independent third party must audit the security and protection of
6 digital assets for the state of Washington to test and assess the
7 overall security posture including, but not limited to,
8 cybersecurity.

9 (2) The audit must, at a minimum:

10 (a) Define threats, and include recommendations to mitigate the
11 threats to include real-time security assessments of applications,
12 systems, and networks to identify and assess risks and determine if
13 they could be exploited by bad actors;

14 (b) Review security protocols and identify flaws in both physical
15 and digital systems, to include data transfers;

16 (c) Assess the current security performance of existing security
17 structures, to include penetration testing;

18 (d) Prioritize and complete risk scoring of identified threats
19 and risks; and

20 (e) Formulate security solutions with estimated costs, to include
21 what can be achieved in the short term, or less than 12 months, and
22 what can be achieved in the mid to long term.

23 (3) The independent audit team must include the chair and ranking
24 member of the senate environment, energy, and technology committee
25 and two members of the house of representatives in executive
26 briefings throughout the audit, and the four members must be updated,
27 at least monthly, on the progress of the audit.

28 (4) The security evaluation audit report must be submitted to the
29 fiscal committees of the legislature by August 31, 2022.

30 (5) Reports shared and submitted by the independent audit team,
31 the office of financial management, and the office of cybersecurity
32 to the members identified in subsections (3) and (4) of this section
33 are exempt from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Reports shared and submitted by the independent audit team, the
4 office of financial management, and the office of cybersecurity to
5 the members identified in section 7 (3) and (4) of this act in
6 accordance with the requirements in section 7 of this act are exempt
7 from disclosure under this chapter."

8 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
9 internal references accordingly.

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10 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "39.34 RCW; adding" strike
11 "a new section" and insert "new sections"

12 On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "creating" strike "a new
13 section" and insert "new sections"

EFFECT: Requires a third-party cybersecurity audit, sets
requirements for the audit, and requires a report.

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