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**SENATE BILL 5041**

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**By** Senators Fortunato, Brown, and Gildon

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing unnecessary paperwork to promote  
2 development; adding a new section to chapter 43.21C RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that requiring  
6 additional paperwork for projects that meet the prima facie  
7 requirements of the categorical exemptions in chapter 43.21C RCW is  
8 unnecessary and adds costs to important projects, such as housing.  
9 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to provide relief from  
10 superfluous paperwork for applicants whose actions are categorically  
11 exempt from the requirements of chapter 43.21C RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 An applicant whose project, action, or project decision is  
15 described as being exempt or categorically exempt under this chapter  
16 is not required to file a checklist or any other paperwork to prove  
17 the categorical exemption if the initial application contains

1 sufficient information showing that the project, action, or project  
2 decision is exempt or categorically exempt.

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