
SENATE BILL 5755

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By Senators Boehnke, Lovick, and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system
2 use by state and local agencies; adding a new section to chapter
3 43.17 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) No state or local agency, including any law enforcement
8 agency, shall purchase, acquire, or otherwise use an unmanned
9 aircraft or unmanned aircraft system produced by a manufacturer of
10 covered equipment, systems, or services pursuant to section 889 of
11 the John S. McCain national defense authorization act for fiscal year
12 2019 (P.L. 115-232).

13 (2) For purposes of this section:

14 (a) "Local agency" includes every county, city, town, municipal
15 corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or special purpose
16 district, or any office, department, division, bureau, board,
17 commission, or agency thereof, or other local public agency.

18 (b) "State agency" includes every state office, department,
19 division, bureau, board, commission, or other state agency.

1 (c) "Unmanned aircraft" means an aircraft that is operated
2 without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or
3 on the aircraft, a remote piloted aircraft, or drone.

4 (d) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned aircraft and
5 associated elements including, but not limited to, communication
6 links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft that are
7 required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently
8 in the national airspace system.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2025.

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