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**HOUSE BILL 1610**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Hunt, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Parshley, Duerr, and Zahn; by request of Department of Commerce

AN ACT Relating to the disclosure of critical energy infrastructure information; and amending RCW 42.56.420.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 42.56.420 and 2023 c 404 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The following information relating to security is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

(1) Those portions of records assembled, prepared, or maintained to prevent, mitigate, or respond to criminal terrorist acts, which are acts that significantly disrupt the conduct of government or of the general civilian population of the state or the United States and that manifest an extreme indifference to human life, the public disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of threatening public safety, consisting of:

(a) Specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique response or deployment plans, including compiled underlying data collected in preparation of or essential to the assessments, or to the response or deployment plans; and

(b) Records not subject to public disclosure under federal law that are shared by federal or international agencies, and information prepared from national security briefings provided to state or local government officials related to domestic preparedness for acts of terrorism;

(2) Those portions of records containing specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique emergency and escape response plans at a city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility, or secure facility for persons civilly confined under chapter 71.09 RCW, the public disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of threatening the security of a city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility, secure facility for persons civilly confined under chapter 71.09 RCW, or any individual's safety;

(3) Information compiled by school districts or schools in the development of their comprehensive safe school plans under RCW 28A.320.125, to the extent that they identify specific vulnerabilities of school districts and each individual school;

(4) Information regarding the public and private infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, consisting of security passwords, security access codes and programs, access codes for secure software applications, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments, and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other such information the release of which may increase risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of security, information technology infrastructure, or assets;

(5) The system security and emergency preparedness plan required under RCW 35.21.228, 35A.21.300, 36.01.210, 36.57.120, 36.57A.170, and 81.112.180; ((~~and~~))

(6) Personally identifiable information of employees, and other security information, of a private cloud service provider that has entered into a criminal justice information services agreement as contemplated by the United States department of justice criminal justice information services security policy, as authorized by 28 C.F.R. Part 20; and

(7)(a) Critical energy infrastructure information collected in support of the state energy resilience and emergency management office.

(b) The following definitions apply for purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Critical energy infrastructure" means systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which threatens to disrupt or diminish the supply of energy to the extent that the public health, safety, and general welfare may be jeopardized;

(ii)(A) "Critical energy infrastructure information" means information regarding critical energy infrastructure where the information:

(I) Records containing actual, potential, or threatened interference with, attacks on, compromise of, or incapacitation of critical energy infrastructure or protected systems by either physical or computer-based attacks, or other similar conduct that violates federal, state, or local law, harms interstate commerce of Washington state or the United States, or threatens to disrupt or diminish the supply of energy to the extent that the public health, safety, and general welfare may be jeopardized; or

(II) Does not simply give the general location of or relay publicly available information about the critical energy infrastructure.

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