
HOUSE BILL 1611

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By Representatives Street, Gregerson, and Reed

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the purchase of small unmanned
2 aircrafts manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity;
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; and providing an effective
4 date.

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

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

8 (1) No state or local agency, including any law enforcement
9 agency, shall purchase or otherwise acquire a small unmanned aircraft
10 system that is manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity.

11 (2) No state or local agency funds may be used in connection with
12 small unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by a
13 covered foreign entity, including without limitation state or local
14 agency funds:

15 (a) Awarded through a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement;
16 or

17 (b) Otherwise made available.

18 (3) On or after July 1, 2026, a public entity shall not operate a
19 small unmanned aircraft system manufactured or assembled by a covered
20 foreign entity.

21 (4) For the purposes of this section:

- 1 (a) "Agency" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 42.56.010.
- 2 (b) "Covered foreign entity" means an individual, person, foreign
3 government, or a party that is:
- 4 (i) On the consolidated screening list or the entity list,
5 supplement No. 4 to 15 C.F.R. Part 744, as each are published by the
6 United States department of commerce on the effective date of this
7 section;
- 8 (ii) Domiciled in the People's Republic of China or the Russian
9 Federation;
- 10 (iii) Under the influence or control by the government of the
11 People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation; or
- 12 (iv) A subsidiary or affiliate of an individual, government, or
13 party referred to in (b) (i) through (iii) of this subsection.
- 14 (c) "Small unmanned aircraft system" means an aircraft that:
- 15 (i) Is an unmanned, powered aircraft that is operated without the
16 possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the
17 aircraft;
- 18 (ii) May be expendable or recoverable; and
- 19 (iii) Weighs less than 55 pounds including the weight of anything
20 attached to or carried by the aircraft.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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