

2017 Legislative Sessions

New Laws Regarding Public Agency Records

Note: The list below contains links to and brief summaries of bills enacted during the 2017 regular and first, second and third special sessions of the Washington State Legislature. See links for session laws and effective dates. This is not an exhaustive list. Consult the Legislature's [website](#) for bills introduced, bill language including amendments, full history of a bill including companion bills, public hearing information, and other information.



Bill No.	Title/Summary • RCWs	Session Law
HOUSE		
1043	Addressing nonpublic personal health information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Insurance Commissioner – RCW 48.02; RCW 42.56.400 	Chap. 193, 2017 Laws.
1105	Concerning passenger-carrying vehicles for railroad employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.330; RCW 81.61 	Chap. 333, 2017 Laws.
1109	Supporting victims of sexual assault <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 43.101 – Criminal Justice Training Commission 	Chap. 290, 2017 Laws.
1337	Relating to the interstate medical licensure compact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56 	Chap. 195, 2017 Laws.
1462	Adding authority to the department of agriculture to regulate sanitary processing of marijuana-infused edibles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56; RCW 69.07 	Chap. 138, 2017 Laws.
1465	Exempting from public disclosure certain information regarding reports on wolf depredations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.430; new section in RCW 42.56; RCW 77.12.885 	Chap. 246, 2017 Laws.
1477	Concerning disclosure of health-related information with persons with a close relationship with a patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 70.02 	Chap. 298, 2017 Laws.
1493	Concerning biometric identifiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See also HB 1717, HB 2213 Title 19 RCW 	Chap. 299, 2017 Laws.
1501	Protecting law enforcement and the public from persons who illegally attempt to obtain firearms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56 	Chap. 261, 2017 Laws.

1594	Improving public records administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.010, 42.56.152, RCW 42.56.520, RCW 42.56.570, RCW 40.14, RCW 36.22.175 	Chap. 303, 2017 Laws.
1595	Concerning costs associated with responding to public records requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.070, RCW 42.56.080, RCW 42.56.120, RCW 42.56.130, RCW 42.56.550 	Chap. 304, 2017 Laws.
1661	Creating the department of children, youth, and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.230; Other provisions 	Chap. 6, 2017 Laws 3 rd Sp. Sess.
1717	Concerning state agency collection, use, and retention of biometric identifiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See also HB 1493; HB 2213 Title 40 RCW 	Chap. 306, 2017 Laws.
1732	Concerning the confidentiality of educator professional growth plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.250 	Chap. 16, 2017 Laws.
1816	Concerning information sharing related to implementation of the homeless youth prevention and protection act of 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 48.185C; RCW 13.50.010 	Chap. 277, 2017 Laws.
1829	Concerning the exemption from public disclosure of information regarding public and private computer and telecommunications networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 42.56.420 	Chap. 149, 2017 Laws.
1965	Standardizing the collection and distribution of criminal records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 9.41; RCW 9A.44; RCW 43.43 	Chap. 174, 2017 Laws.
2005	Improving the business climate in this state by simplifying the administration of municipal general business licenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference to RCW 42.56; Title 35 RCW 	Chap. 209, 2017 Laws.
2213	Concerning state agency collection, use, and retention of biometric identifiers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See also HB 1493; HB 1717 Title 40 RCW 	Chap. 1, 2017 Laws 2 nd Sp. Sess.

SENATE

5031	Addressing licensing and enforcement provisions applicable to money transmitters and currency exchanges under the uniform money services act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 19.230 	Chap. 30, 2017 Laws.
5039	Adopting the uniform electronic legal material act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 1 RCW 	Chap. 106, 2017 Laws.
5131	Addressing provisions concerning marijuana with respect to research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing application process, processor wholesale events, and jurisdictional requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.270; RCW 69.50; RCW 69.51A 	Chap. 317, 2017 Laws.
5173	Concerning loss prevention reviews by state agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 43.19 	Chap. 318, 2017 Laws.
5207	Concerning the public disclosure of global positioning system data corresponding to residential addresses of public employees and volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.250 	Chap. 38, 2017 Laws.
5316	Concerning the removal of provisions that are no longer necessary for continued publication in the Revised Code of Washington. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decodifies RCW 42.56.901, .902, .903 	Chap. 25, 2017 Laws 3 rd Sp. Sess.
5343	Concerning notice sent by and certain release of information affecting registered tow truck operators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 46.55.110; RCW 46.52.130 	Chap. 43, 2017 Laws.
5358	Improving tax and licensing laws administered by the department of revenue, but not including changes to tax laws that are estimated to affect state or local tax collections as reflected in any fiscal note prepared and approved under the process established in chapter 43.88A RCW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 84.08; RCW 19.02.115 	Chap. 323, 2017 Laws.
5435	Specifying to whom information and records related to mental health services may be disclosed for the purposes of care coordination and treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 70.02.230 	Chap. 325, 2017 Laws.
5761	Exempting certain confidential fish and shellfish harvest information from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW, the public records act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.430 	Chap. 71, 2017 Laws.
5764	Concerning higher education records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.240; RCW 28B.112 	Chap. 72, 2017 Laws.