

2018 Legislative Session

New Laws Regarding Public Agency Records

Note: This list contains only bills passed in the 2018 regular session of the Washington State Legislature and which may impact some public agency records or information, plus statutory citations in some bill sections. This list may not be exhaustive. For full bill language, including effective dates, click on the bill links below. All bills, including bill reports and hearing information, are available in the links and on the Legislature's website at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>.



Bill No.	Title/Summary • RCWs/Other Information	Session Law
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
1047	Protecting the public's health by creating a system for safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications. • RCW 42.56.270; various RCWs • Proprietary information filed with Department of Health under the act	Chap. 196, 2018 Laws.
1239	Concerning requests for medical records to support an application for social security benefits. • RCW 70.02; RCW 48.43	Chap. 87, 2018 Laws.
1388	Changing the designation of the state behavioral health authority from the department of social and health services to the health care authority and transferring the related powers, functions, and duties to the health care authority and the department of health. • RCW 42.56.270; various RCWs	Chap. 201, 2018 Laws.
1513	Concerning the collection of youth voter registration sign up information. • RCW 42.56.250; RCW 42.56.230; Title 29A; various RCWs	Chap. 109, 2018 Laws.
1630	Allowing minors to consent to share their personally identifying information in the Washington homeless client management information system. • RCW 43.185C.180	Chap. 15, 2018 Laws.
1889	Creating an office of the corrections ombuds. • RCW 43.131; new chapter in Title 43 RCW • Confidentiality of ombuds records, access to records by ombuds	Chap. 270, 2018 Laws.
2097	Limiting disclosure of information about the religious affiliation of individuals. • RCW 42.56; RCW 49.60; new chapter in RCW	Chap. 303, 2018 Laws. (PV).
2208	Authorizing criminal background investigations for current and prospective employees and contractors with access to federal tax information • RCW 41.04 • Restricts use and dissemination of background check information of prospective state employees and vendors	Chap.19, 2018 Laws.

2307	Requiring confidentiality in the release of sensitive fish and wildlife data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.430 	Chap. 214, 2018 Laws.
2595	Concerning procedures in order to automatically register citizens to vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 29A.08; RCW 29A.08.720; RCW 29A.04 • Restriction on sharing certain data; limits on use of certain information in health benefit exchange 	Chap. 110, 2018 Laws
2611	Concerning the privilege for peer support group counselors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 5.60.060 	Chap.165, 2018 Laws.
2682	Exempting hop grower lot information used in the state department of agriculture export document from public disclosure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.380 	Chap. 170, 2018 Laws.
2700	Concerning the handling of child forensic interview and child interview digital recordings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.240; RCW 26.44 	Chap. 171, 2018 Laws.
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5553	Preventing suicide by permitting the voluntary waiver of firearm rights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 9.41 • Limits disclosure of waiver records 	Chap. 145, 2018 Laws.
5996	Encouraging the disclosure and discussion of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 49.44 	Chap. 117, 2018 Laws.
6027	Concerning the discovery of privileged health care information and communications in claims for noneconomic damages under certain civil rights laws. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 49.60 	Chap. 70, 2018 Laws.
6032	Making supplemental operating appropriations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections 925(14) & 603(25) - Task force on legislative records • <i>[SB 6617 (concerning records of the legislative branch) had passed both houses in the 2018 session but was vetoed.]</i> 	Chap. 299, 2018 Laws (PV).
6059	Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.400; Title 48 RCW 	Chap. 30, 2018 Laws.
6068	Concerning the applicability of nondisclosure agreements in civil actions for sexual harassment or assault. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 4.24 	Chap. 118, 2018 Laws.
6319	Implementing the federal produce safety rule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.380; Title 15 RCW • Exempts certain information obtained from federal government or others 	Chap. 106, 2018 Laws.
6408	Relating to body worn cameras, but only with respect to making existing requirements and public records act provisions governing body worn cameras permanent and applicable to all law enforcement and corrections agencies deploying body worn cameras, strengthening privacy protections for intimate images in body worn camera recordings, and clarifying records retention requirements for body worn camera recordings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 42.56.240; RCW 10.109.010, .030 	Chap. 285, 2018 Laws.
6550	Concerning diversion of juvenile offenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 13.40.020, .070, .080; RCW 13.50.270 • Destruction/sealing of certain juvenile records upon completion of diversion 	Chap. 82, 2018 Laws.