



## **Public Records Legislative Update from 2014 Session**

(Note: UPDATED ON APRIL 22, 2014. See the Washington State Legislature website at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pages/home.aspx>. Also, unless otherwise specified in the bill, laws passed during the 2014 regular session become effective June 12, 2014).

### **Senate Bills**

- **Engrossed Senate Bill 5964** – Open Government Trainings Act. Effective July 1, 2014. Requires records officers and local and statewide elected officials to receive records training. *Governor signed. Chap. 66, 2014 Laws.* [See [Q & A](#) for more information.]
- **Substitute Senate Bill 6007** – Exemption for customer information held by public utilities (customer addresses, telephone numbers, electronic contact information, and specific billing usage and billing information in increments less than a billing cycle). *Governor signed. Chap. 33, 2014 Laws.*
- **Senate Bill 6141** – Exemption for certain records filed by waste collection companies with the utilities and transportation commission or the attorney general. *Governor signed. Chap. 170, 2014 Laws.*
- **Second Substitute Senate Bill 6062** – Requiring internet access to school data for school districts, charter schools and state-tribal compact schools. Collective bargaining information and student association funding information to be posted on website. *Governor signed. Chap. 211, 2014 Laws.*
- **Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6265** – Effective July 1, 2014, except for Section 8 which became effective April 4, 2014. Procedures for public agencies that hold health care information when they are not health care facilities or providers authorized to receive that information. Agencies must adopt rules and policies regarding destruction of records and notification of persons whose health care information has been improperly disclosed, and rules and policies must be posted on each agency’s website. *Governor signed and partially vetoed (Sec. 16 vetoed). Chap. 220, 2014 Laws.*
- **Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6517** – Exemption for public employees’ and volunteers’ driver’s license numbers and identocard numbers. *Governor signed. Chap. 106, 2014 Laws.*
- **Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6518** – Terminates “Innovate Washington” program and removes reference to it in Public Records Act. *Governor signed. Chap. 174, 2014 Laws.*
- **Senate Bill 6522** – Exemption for certain records of industrial insurance claims resolution structured settlement negotiations. *Governor signed. Chap. 142, 2014 Laws.*

### **House Bills**

- **Second Substitute House Bill 1651** – Juvenile court records. Requires court to hold regular hearings to seal certain juvenile court records, which will occur administratively unless court receives an objection or court notes compelling reason not to seal, at which point a hearing will be held. With certain exceptions, requires courts to seal certain

juvenile court records administratively after an individual turns 18 and completes probation, confinement, or parole. *Governor signed. Chap. 175, 2014 Laws.*

- [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2023](#) - Exemption for financial information supplied to the Department of Financial Institutions for purpose obtaining exemption from state securities registration for small securities offerings (crowd funding). *Governor signed. Chap. 144, 2014 Laws.*
- [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2304](#) – Exemption for financial information for applications for marijuana producers, processors or retailers. *Governor signed. Chap. 192, 2014 Laws.*
- [House Bill 2515](#) – Exemption for population enumeration data. Office of Financial Management must destroy data after it is used. *Governor signed. Chap. 14, 2014 Laws.*
- [Substitute House Bill 2724](#) – Exemption for archaeological information (archaeological resources and traditional cultural places information obtained by certain agencies, or shared between certain agencies with tribes). *Governor signed. Chap. 165, 2014 Laws*
- ~~**Engrossed House Bill 2789**—Imposes restrictions on state and local agency procurement and usage of “extraordinary sensing devices,” defined as sensing devices attached to unmanned aircraft systems. Restricts use of “personal information” acquired and requires destruction of certain information. *Governor vetoed; Governor issuing moratorium for state agencies and will convene task force.*~~