

RCW 42.56.240(2) proposal
November 15, 2013

Ramsey Ramerman's motion regarding RCW 42.56.240(2) (highlights show additional modification from proposal included in the Nov. agenda)

Information revealing the identity of persons who are witnesses to or victims of crime or who file complaints with investigative, law enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the public disclosure commission, if the agency reasonably determines disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical safety, or property. When determining whether such risk is reasonable, the following non-exclusive factors may be considered: (A) the nature of the crime alleged, (B) any threats made by the suspect, (C) any past violent history of the suspect, and (D) the relationship between the suspect and the witness or victim.¹ ~~If at the time a complaint is filed~~ At any time the complainant, victim, or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or nondisclosure, such desire shall govern unless the agency has notice that the witness has already been publicly identified, PROVIDED that only information that is public may be disclosed contrary to the witness's desire. [*However, all complaints filed with the commission about any elected official or candidate for public office must be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath*] [[[This final sentence should be moved and recodified in chapter 42.17A RCW]]]

¹ These are intended to reflect common sense factors.