ESHB 1155 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2826.4/23) **293** By Senator Padden

1 On page 15, beginning on line 26, strike all of section 11 and 2 insert the following:

"<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 11. The attorney general shall, prior to 3 4 initiating any action for a violation of any provisions of this chapter, issue a notice of violation to the regulated entity, small 5 6 business, or processor if the attorney general determines that a cure is possible. If the regulated entity, small business, or processor 7 fails to cure such violation within 30 days of receipt of the notice 8 9 of violation, the attorney general may bring an action pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the attorney general 10 shall not be required to provide a 30-day opportunity to cure if the 11 alleged violation is the same as a previously addressed matter 12 13 involving the same parties, and the decision has been resolved by an 14 agreement between the parties or was adjudicated and a decision 15 issued is final."

<u>EFFECT:</u> (1) Removes provisions that make a violation of the bill a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

(2) Requires the Attorney General, prior to initiating an enforcement action, to provide a notice of the violation if the Attorney General determines that a cure is possible.

(3) Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action if the regulated entity, small business, or processor fails to cure the violation within 30 days.

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