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1 AN ACT Relating to the management and oversight of personal data;
2 amending RCW 43.105.369; adding a new section to chapter 9.73 RCW;
3 adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating new sections;
4 prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** SHORT TITLE. This act may be known and
7 cited as the Washington privacy act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (1) The legislature
9 finds that:

10 (a) Washingtonians cherish privacy as an element of their
11 individual freedom.

12 (b) Washington is a technology leader on a national and global
13 level and recognizes its distinctive position in promoting the
14 efficient balance of consumer privacy and economic benefits.

15 (c) Washington explicitly recognizes its citizens' right to
16 privacy under Article I, section 7 of the state Constitution.

17 (d) There is rapid growth in the volume and variety of personal
18 data being generated, collected, stored, and analyzed. This growth
19 has the potential for great benefits to human knowledge,

1 technological innovation, and economic growth, but also the potential
2 to harm individual privacy and freedom.

3 (e) Millions of Washingtonians have been affected by electronic
4 data breaches and the resulting loss of privacy, and the net effect,
5 both financially and in the chilling of consumer confidence, has and
6 will continue to cost Washington state businesses.

7 (f) As technology and businesses continue to push the limits of
8 data collection with exponential rapidity, laws must keep pace as
9 technology and business practices evolve to protect businesses and
10 consumers.

11 (g) There is a need to preserve individuals' trust and confidence
12 that personal data will be protected appropriately, while supporting
13 flexibility and the free flow of information. Meeting this need will
14 promote continued innovation and economic growth in the networked
15 economy.

16 (h) Enforcement of general principles in law will ensure that
17 citizens continue to enjoy meaningful privacy protections while
18 affording ample flexibility for technologies and business models to
19 evolve.

20 (i) The European Union recently updated its privacy law through
21 the passage and implementation of the general data protection
22 regulation, affording its residents the strongest privacy protections
23 in the world. Washington residents deserve to enjoy the same level of
24 robust privacy safeguards.

25 (j) In addition, the technology industry has been a tremendous
26 driver of economic growth in Washington state. We need to ensure that
27 any new privacy laws not only provide Washington residents with
28 strong privacy protections but also enable industry and others to use
29 data to create innovative technologies, products, and solutions.

30 (k) Technology will continue to evolve and change. Consequently,
31 any new privacy laws must be technology neutral and flexible, so that
32 they may apply not only to the technologies and products of today,
33 but to the technologies and products of tomorrow.

34 (l) Washington residents have long enjoyed an expectation of
35 privacy in their public movements. The development of new technology
36 like facial recognition could, if deployed indiscriminately and
37 without guardrails, enable the constant surveillance of any
38 individual any time of the day and every day of the year. Washington
39 residents should have the right to a reasonable expectation of
40 privacy in their movements, and thus should be free from ubiquitous

1 and surreptitious surveillance using facial recognition technology.
2 Further, Washington residents should have the right to expect
3 information about the capabilities and limitations of facial
4 recognition technology and that it should not be deployed by private
5 sector organizations without proper public notice.

6 (2) As such, the legislature recognizes the consumer protection
7 principles in this act regarding transparency, individual control,
8 respect for context, focused collection and responsible use,
9 security, access, and accuracy.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this
11 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly
12 requires otherwise.

13 (1) "Affiliate" means a legal entity that controls, is controlled
14 by, or is under common control with, another legal entity.

15 (2) "Consent" means a clear affirmative act establishing a freely
16 given, specific, informed, and unambiguous indication of a consumer's
17 agreement to the processing of personal data relating to the
18 consumer, such as by a written statement or other clear affirmative
19 action.

20 (3) "Consumer" means a natural person who is a Washington
21 resident. It does not include an employee or contractor of a business
22 acting in their role as an employee or contractor.

23 (4) "Controller" means the natural or legal person which, alone
24 or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the
25 processing of personal data.

26 (5) "Data broker" means a business, or unit or units of a
27 business, separately or together, that knowingly collects and sells
28 or licenses to third parties the brokered personal information of a
29 consumer with whom the business does not have a direct relationship.

30 (6) "Deidentified data" means:

31 (a) Data that cannot be linked to a known natural person without
32 additional information kept separately; or

33 (b) Data (i) that has been modified to a degree that the risk of
34 reidentification is small, (ii) that is subject to a public
35 commitment by the controller not to attempt to reidentify the data,
36 and (iii) to which one or more enforceable controls to prevent
37 reidentification has been applied. Enforceable controls to prevent
38 reidentification may include legal, administrative, technical, or
39 contractual controls.

1 (7) "Developer" means a person who creates or modifies the set of
2 instructions or programs instructing a computer or device to perform
3 tasks.

4 (8) "Identified or identifiable natural person" means a person
5 who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by
6 reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number,
7 specific geolocation data, or an online identifier.

8 (9) "Minor" means any person under eighteen years of age.

9 (10) "Personal data" means any information relating to an
10 identified or identifiable natural person. Personal data does not
11 include deidentified data.

12 (11) "Process" or "processing" means any operation or set of
13 operations that is performed on personal data or on sets of personal
14 data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection,
15 recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or
16 alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission,
17 dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or
18 combination, restriction, deletion, or destruction.

19 (12) "Processor" means a natural or legal person which processes
20 personal data on behalf of the controller.

21 (13) "Profiling" means any form of automated processing of
22 personal data consisting of the use of personal data to evaluate
23 certain personal aspects relating to a natural person, in particular
24 to analyze or predict aspects concerning that natural person's
25 economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests,
26 reliability, behavior, location, or movements.

27 (14) "Restriction of processing" means the marking of stored
28 personal data with the aim of limiting the processing of such
29 personal data in the future.

30 (15)(a) "Sale" means the exchange of personal data for monetary
31 consideration by the controller to a third party for purposes of
32 licensing or selling personal data at the third party's discretion to
33 additional third parties.

34 (b) "Sale" does not include the following: (i) The disclosure of
35 personal data to a processor who processes the personal data on
36 behalf of the controller; or (ii) the disclosure of personal data to
37 a third party with whom the consumer has a direct relationship for
38 purposes of providing a product or service requested by the consumer
39 or otherwise in a manner that is consistent with a consumer's

1 reasonable expectations considering the context in which the consumer
2 provided the personal data to the controller.

3 (16) "Sensitive data" means personal data revealing racial or
4 ethnic origin, religious or philosophical beliefs, and the processing
5 of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely
6 identifying a natural person, data concerning a minor, data
7 concerning health, or data concerning a natural person's sex life or
8 sexual orientation.

9 (17) "Targeted advertising" means displaying advertisements to a
10 consumer where the advertisement is selected based on personal data
11 obtained or inferred over time from a consumer's activities across
12 nonaffiliate web sites, applications, or online services. It does not
13 include advertising to a consumer based upon the consumer's current
14 visit to a web site, application, or online service, or in response
15 to the consumer's request for information or feedback.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** JURISDICTIONAL SCOPE. (1) This chapter
17 applies to legal entities that conduct business in Washington or
18 produce products or services that are intentionally targeted to
19 residents of Washington, and that satisfy one or more of the
20 following thresholds:

21 (a) Controls or processes data of one hundred thousand consumers
22 or more; or

23 (b) Derives over fifty percent of gross revenue from the sale of
24 personal information and processes or controls personal information
25 of twenty-five thousand consumers or more.

26 (2) This chapter does not apply to:

27 (a) State and local governments;

28 (b) Personal data sets to the extent that they are regulated by
29 the federal health insurance portability and accountability act of
30 1996, the federal health information technology for economic and
31 clinical health act, or the Gramm-Leach-Bliley act of 1999; or

32 (c) Data sets maintained for employment records purposes.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RESPONSIBILITY ACCORDING TO ROLE. (1)
34 Controllers shall be responsible for meeting the obligations set
35 forth under this act.

36 (2) Processors are responsible under this act for adhering to the
37 instructions of the controller and assisting the controller to meet
38 its obligations under this chapter.

1 (3) Processing by a processor shall be governed by a contract
2 between the controller and the processor that is binding on the
3 processor and that sets out the processing instructions to which the
4 processor is bound.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** CONSUMER RIGHTS. Controllers shall
6 facilitate requests to exercise the consumer rights set forth in
7 subsections (1) through (7) of this section.

8 (1) On request from a consumer, a controller must confirm whether
9 or not personal data concerning the consumer is being processed by
10 the controller, including whether such personal data is sold to data
11 brokers, and, where personal data concerning the consumer is being
12 processed by the controller, provide access to such personal data
13 concerning the consumer.

14 (a) On request from a consumer, a controller must provide a copy
15 of the personal data undergoing processing. For any further copies
16 requested by the consumer, the controller may charge a reasonable fee
17 based on administrative costs. Where the consumer makes the request
18 by electronic means, and unless otherwise requested by the consumer,
19 the information must be provided in a commonly used electronic form.

20 (b) This subsection shall not adversely affect the rights of
21 consumers.

22 (2) On request from a consumer, the controller, without undue
23 delay, must correct inaccurate personal data concerning the consumer.
24 Taking into account the purposes of the processing, the controller
25 must complete incomplete personal data, including by means of
26 providing a supplementary statement.

27 (3)(a) On request from a consumer, a controller must delete the
28 consumer's personal data without undue delay where one of the
29 following grounds applies:

30 (i) The personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the
31 purposes for which the personal data was collected or otherwise
32 processed;

33 (ii) For processing that requires consent under section 8(3) of
34 this act, the consumer withdraws consent to processing and there are
35 no other legitimate grounds for the processing;

36 (iii) The consumer objects to the processing pursuant to
37 subsection (6) of this section and (A) there are no overriding
38 legitimate grounds for the processing; or (B) the processing is for
39 direct marketing purposes;

1 (iv) The personal data has been unlawfully processed;

2 (v) The personal data must be deleted to comply with a legal
3 obligation under federal, state, or local law to which the controller
4 is subject; or

5 (vi) The personal data has been collected in relation to the
6 offer of a service normally provided for remuneration, at a distance,
7 by electronic means, and at the individual request of the recipient
8 of services.

9 (b) Where the controller is obliged to delete personal data under
10 this section that has been disclosed to third parties by the
11 controller, including data brokers that received the data through a
12 sale, the controller must take reasonable steps, which may include
13 technical measures, to inform other controllers that are processing
14 the personal data that the consumer has requested the deletion by the
15 other controllers of any links to, or copy or replication of, the
16 personal data. Compliance with this obligation must take into account
17 available technology and cost of implementation.

18 (c) This subsection does not apply to the extent processing is
19 necessary:

20 (i) For exercising the right of free speech;

21 (ii) For compliance with a legal obligation that requires
22 processing by federal, state, or local law to which the controller is
23 subject or for the performance of a task carried out in the public
24 interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the
25 controller;

26 (iii) For reasons of public interest in the area of public
27 health, where the processing (A) is subject to suitable and specific
28 measures to safeguard the rights of the consumer; and (B) is
29 processed by or under the responsibility of a professional subject to
30 confidentiality obligations under federal, state, or local law;

31 (iv) For archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or
32 historical research purposes, or statistical purposes, where the
33 deletion of such personal data is likely to render impossible or
34 seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of the processing;
35 or

36 (v) For the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims.

37 (4)(a) On request from a consumer, the controller must restrict
38 processing if one of the following grounds applies:

1 (i) The accuracy of the personal data is contested by the
2 consumer, for a period enabling the controller to verify the accuracy
3 of the personal data;

4 (ii) The processing is unlawful and the consumer opposes the
5 deletion of the personal data and requests the restriction of
6 processing instead;

7 (iii) The controller no longer needs the personal data for the
8 purposes of the processing, but such personal data is required by the
9 consumer for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims;
10 or

11 (iv) The consumer objects to the processing pursuant to
12 subsection (6) of this section pending the verification of whether
13 the legitimate grounds of the controller override those of the
14 consumer.

15 (b) Where personal data is subject to a restriction of processing
16 under this subsection, the personal data must, with the exception of
17 storage, only be processed (i) with the consumer's consent; (ii) for
18 the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims; (iii) for
19 the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person; or
20 (iv) for reasons of important public interest under federal, state,
21 or local law.

22 (c) A consumer who has obtained restriction of processing
23 pursuant to this subsection must be informed by the controller before
24 the restriction of processing is lifted.

25 (5)(a) On request from a consumer, the controller must provide
26 the consumer any personal data concerning such consumer that such
27 consumer has provided to the controller in a structured, commonly
28 used, and machine-readable format if (i)(A) the processing of such
29 personal data requires consent under section 8(3) of this act, (B)
30 the processing of such personal data is necessary for the performance
31 of a contract to which the consumer is a party, or (C) in order to
32 take steps at the request of the consumer prior to entering into a
33 contract; and (ii) the processing is carried out by automated means.

34 (b) Controllers must transmit the personal data requested under
35 this subsection directly from one controller to another, where
36 technically feasible, and transmit the personal data to another
37 controller without hindrance from the controller to which the
38 personal data was provided.

39 (c) Requests for personnel data under this subsection must be
40 without prejudice to subsection (3) of this section.

1 (d) The rights provided in this subsection do not apply to
2 processing necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the
3 public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in
4 the controller, and must not adversely affect the rights of others.

5 (6)(a) A consumer may object, on grounds relating to the
6 consumer's particular situation, at any time to processing of
7 personal data concerning such consumer:

8 (b) When a consumer objects to direct marketing, which includes
9 the sale of personal data concerning the consumer to third parties
10 for direct marketing purposes, profiling to the extent that it is
11 related to such direct marketing and targeted advertising, the
12 controller must no longer process the personal data subject to the
13 objection for such purpose and must communicate the consumer's
14 objection, unless it proves impossible or involves disproportionate
15 effort, regarding any further processing of the consumer's personal
16 data for such purposes to any third parties to whom the controller
17 sold the consumer's personal data for such purposes. Third parties
18 must honor objection requests pursuant to this subsection received
19 from third-party controllers.

20 (c) If a consumer objects to processing for any purposes, other
21 than direct marketing, the controller may continue processing the
22 personal data subject to the objection if the controller can
23 demonstrate a compelling legitimate ground to process such personal
24 data.

25 (7) A consumer must not be subject to a decision based solely on
26 profiling which produces legal effects concerning such consumer or
27 similarly significantly affects the consumer. Legal or similarly
28 significant effects include, but are be limited to, denial of
29 consequential services or support, such as financial and lending
30 services, housing, insurance, education enrollment, criminal justice,
31 employment opportunities, and health care services.

32 (a) This subsection does not apply if the decision is:

33 (i) Necessary for entering into, or performance of, a contract
34 between the consumer and a controller;

35 (ii) Authorized by federal or state law to which the controller
36 is subject and which incorporates suitable measures to safeguard the
37 consumer's rights and legitimate interests, as indicated by the risk
38 assessments required by section 8 of this act; or

39 (iii) Based on the consumer's consent.

1 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this subsection, the controller shall
2 implement suitable measures to safeguard consumer's rights and
3 legitimate interests with respect to decisions based solely on
4 profiling, including providing human review of the decision, to
5 express the consumer's point of view with respect to the decision,
6 and to contest the decision.

7 (8) A controller must communicate any correction, deletion, or
8 restriction of processing carried out in accordance with subsections
9 (2), (3), or (4) of this section to each third-party recipient to
10 whom the personal data has been disclosed, including third parties
11 that received the data through a sale, unless this proves impossible
12 or involves disproportionate effort. The controller must inform the
13 consumer about such third-party recipients, if any, if the consumer
14 requests such information.

15 (9) A controller must provide information on action taken on a
16 request under subsections (1) through (7) of this section without
17 undue delay and in any event within thirty days of receipt of the
18 request. That period may be extended by sixty additional days where
19 necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the
20 requests. The controller must inform the consumer of any such
21 extension within thirty days of receipt of the request, together with
22 the reasons for the delay. Where the consumer makes the request by
23 electronic means, the information must be provided by electronic
24 means where possible, unless otherwise requested by the consumer.

25 (a) If a controller does not take action on the request of a
26 consumer, the controller must inform the consumer without undue delay
27 and at the latest within thirty days of receipt of the request of the
28 reasons for not taking action and any possibility for internal review
29 of the decision by the controller.

30 (b) Information provided under this section must be provided by
31 the controller free of charge to the consumer. Where requests from a
32 consumer are manifestly unfounded or excessive, in particular because
33 of their repetitive character, the controller may either: (i) Charge
34 a reasonable fee taking into account the administrative costs of
35 providing the information or communication or taking the action
36 requested; or (ii) refuse to act on the request. The controller bears
37 the burden of demonstrating the manifestly unfounded or excessive
38 character of the request.

39 (c) Where the controller has reasonable doubts concerning the
40 identity of the consumer making a request under subsections (1)

1 through (7) of this section, the controller may request the provision
2 of additional information necessary to confirm the identity of the
3 consumer.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** TRANSPARENCY. (1) Controllers must be
5 transparent and accountable for their processing of personal data, by
6 making available in a form that is reasonably accessible to consumers
7 a clear, meaningful privacy notice that includes:

- 8 (a) The categories of personal data collected by the controller;
- 9 (b) The purposes for which the categories of personal data is
10 used and disclosed to third parties, if any;
- 11 (c) The rights that consumers may exercise pursuant to section 6
12 of this act, if any;
- 13 (d) The categories of personal data that the controller shares
14 with third parties, if any; and
- 15 (e) The categories of third parties, if any, with whom the
16 controller shares personal data.

17 (2) Controllers that engage in profiling must disclose such
18 profiling to the consumer at or before the time personal data is
19 obtained, including meaningful information about the logic involved
20 and the significance and envisaged consequences of the profiling.

21 (3) If a controller sells personal data to data brokers or
22 processes personal data for direct marketing purposes, including
23 targeted marketing and profiling to the extent that it is related to
24 such direct marketing, it must disclose such processing, as well as
25 the manner in which a consumer may exercise the right to object to
26 such processing, in a clear and prominent manner.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** DOCUMENTED RISK ASSESSMENTS. (1)
28 Controllers must conduct and document risk assessments covering the
29 processing of personal data prior to the processing of such personal
30 data whenever there is a change in processing that materially impacts
31 the risk to individuals, and on at least an annual basis regardless
32 of changes in processing. Risk assessments must take into account the
33 type of personal data to be processed by the controller, including
34 the extent to which the personal data is sensitive data or otherwise
35 sensitive in nature, and the context in which the personal data is to
36 be processed.

37 (2) Risk assessments conducted under subsection (1) of this
38 section must identify and weigh the benefits that may flow directly

1 and indirectly from the processing to the controller, consumer, other
2 stakeholders, and the public, against the potential risks to the
3 rights of the consumer associated with such processing, as mitigated
4 by safeguards that can be employed by the controller to reduce such
5 risks. The use of deidentified data and the reasonable expectations
6 of consumers must factor into this assessment by the controller.

7 (3) If the risk assessment conducted under subsection (1) of this
8 section determines that the potential risks to the rights of the
9 consumer outweigh the interests of the controller, consumer, other
10 stakeholders, and the public in processing the personal data of the
11 consumer, the controller may only engage in such processing with the
12 consent of the consumer. Such consent shall be as easy to withdraw as
13 to give.

14 (4) The controller must make the risk assessment available to the
15 attorney general upon request. Risk assessments are confidential and
16 exempt from public inspection and copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** DEIDENTIFIED DATA. A controller or
18 processor that uses deidentified data must exercise reasonable
19 oversight to monitor compliance with any contractual commitments to
20 which the deidentified data is subject, and must take appropriate
21 steps to address any breaches of contractual commitments.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** EXEMPTIONS. (1) The obligations imposed
23 on controllers or processors under this chapter do not restrict a
24 controller's or processor's ability to:

- 25 (a) Comply with federal, state, or local laws;
- 26 (b) Comply with a civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiry,
27 investigation, subpoena, or summons by federal, state, local, or
28 other governmental authorities;
- 29 (c) Cooperate with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or
30 activity that the controller or processor reasonably and in good
31 faith believes may violate federal, state, or local law;
- 32 (d) Investigate, exercise, or defend legal claims; or
- 33 (e) Prevent or detect identity theft, fraud, or other criminal
34 activity or verify identities.

35 (2) The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under
36 this chapter do not apply where compliance by the controller or
37 processor with this chapter would violate an evidentiary privilege
38 under Washington law and do not prevent a controller or processor

1 from providing personal data concerning a consumer to a person
2 covered by an evidentiary privilege under Washington law as part of a
3 privileged communication.

4 (3) A controller or processor that discloses personal data to a
5 third-party controller or processor in compliance with the
6 requirements of this chapter is not in violation of this chapter,
7 including under section 11 of this act, if the third-party recipient
8 processes such personal data in violation of this chapter, provided
9 that, at the time of disclosing the personal data, the disclosing
10 controller or processor did not have actual knowledge that the third-
11 party recipient intended to commit a violation. A third-party
12 recipient receiving personal data from a controller or processor is
13 likewise not liable under this chapter, including under section 11 of
14 this act, for the obligations of a controller or processor to which
15 it provides services.

16 (4) This chapter does not require a controller or processor to do
17 the following:

18 (a) Reidentify deidentified data;

19 (b) Retain personal data concerning a consumer that it would not
20 otherwise retain in the ordinary course of business;

21 (c) Comply with a request to exercise any of the rights under
22 section 6 (1) through (7) of this act if the controller is unable to
23 verify, using commercially reasonable efforts, the identity of the
24 consumer making the request.

25 (5) Obligations imposed on controllers and processors under this
26 chapter do not:

27 (a) Adversely affect the rights of any persons; or

28 (b) Apply to the processing of personal data by a natural person
29 in the course of a purely personal or household activity.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11. LIABILITY.** (1) This chapter does not
31 serve as the basis for a private right of action under this chapter
32 or any other law.

33 (2) Where more than one controller or processor, or both a
34 controller and a processor, involved in the same processing, is in
35 violation of this chapter, the liability shall be allocated among the
36 parties according to principles of comparative fault, unless such
37 liability is otherwise allocated by contract among the parties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** ENFORCEMENT. (1) The legislature finds
2 that the practices covered by this chapter are matters vitally
3 affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying the
4 consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. A violation of this
5 chapter is not reasonable in relation to the development and
6 preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade
7 or commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of
8 applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

9 (2) The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the
10 state, or as parens patriae on behalf of persons residing in the
11 state, to enforce this chapter.

12 (3) A controller or processor is in violation of this chapter if
13 it fails to cure any alleged breach of sections 7 through 10 of this
14 act within thirty days after receiving notice of alleged
15 noncompliance. Any controller or processor that violates this chapter
16 is subject to an injunction and liable for a civil penalty of not
17 more than two thousand five hundred dollars for each violation or
18 seven thousand five hundred dollars for each intentional violation.

19 (4) The consumer privacy account is created in the state
20 treasury. All receipts from the imposition of civil penalties under
21 this chapter must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the
22 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
23 account may be used only to fund the office of privacy and data
24 protection as established under RCW 43.105.369.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** PREEMPTION. This chapter supersedes and
26 preempts laws adopted by any local entity regarding the processing of
27 personal data by controllers or processors.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** FACIAL RECOGNITION. (1) Controllers using
29 facial recognition for profiling must employ meaningful human review
30 prior to making final decisions based on such profiling where such
31 final decisions produce legal effects concerning consumers or
32 similarly significant effects concerning consumers. Decisions
33 producing legal effects or similarly significant effects shall
34 include, but not be limited to, denial of consequential services or
35 support, such as financial and lending services, housing, insurance,
36 education enrollment, criminal justice, employment opportunities, and
37 health care services.

1 (2) Processors that provide facial recognition services must
2 provide documentation that includes general information that explains
3 the capabilities and limitations of the technology in terms that
4 customers and consumers can understand.

5 (3) Processors that provide facial recognition services must
6 prohibit, in the contract required by section 5 of this act, the use
7 of such facial recognition services by controllers to unlawfully
8 discriminate under federal or state law against individual consumers
9 or groups of consumers.

10 (4) Controllers must obtain consent from consumers prior to
11 deploying facial recognition services. The placement of conspicuous
12 notice in physical premises or online that clearly conveys that
13 facial recognition services are being used constitute a consumer's
14 consent to the use of such facial recognition services when that
15 consumer enters those premises or proceeds to use the online services
16 that have such notice, provided that there is a means by which the
17 consumer may exercise choice as to facial recognition services.

18 (5) Providers of commercial facial recognition services that make
19 their technology available as an online service for developers and
20 customers to use in their own scenarios must make available an
21 application programming interface or other technical capability,
22 chosen by the provider, to enable third parties that are legitimately
23 engaged in independent testing to conduct reasonable tests of those
24 facial recognition services for accuracy and unfair bias.

25 (6) For purposes of this section, "facial recognition" means
26 technology that analyzes facial features and is used for the unique
27 personal identification of natural persons in still or video images.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 9.73
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 (1) State and local government agencies shall not use facial
31 recognition technology to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified
32 individuals in public spaces, unless such use is in support of law
33 enforcement activities and either (a) a court order has been obtained
34 to permit the use of facial recognition services for that ongoing
35 surveillance; or (b) where there is an emergency involving imminent
36 danger or risk of death or serious physical injury to a person.

37 (2) This section applies to all Washington state and local
38 government agencies.

1 (3) For purposes of this section, "facial recognition" means the
2 same as in section 14 of this act.

3 **Sec. 16.** RCW 43.105.369 and 2016 c 195 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The office of privacy and data protection is created within
6 the office of the state chief information officer. The purpose of the
7 office of privacy and data protection is to serve as a central point
8 of contact for state agencies on policy matters involving data
9 privacy and data protection.

10 (2) The director shall appoint the chief privacy officer, who is
11 the director of the office of privacy and data protection.

12 (3) The primary duties of the office of privacy and data
13 protection with respect to state agencies are:

14 (a) To conduct an annual privacy review;

15 (b) To conduct an annual privacy training for state agencies and
16 employees;

17 (c) To articulate privacy principles and best practices;

18 (d) To coordinate data protection in cooperation with the agency;
19 and

20 (e) To participate with the office of the state chief information
21 officer in the review of major state agency projects involving
22 personally identifiable information.

23 (4) The office of privacy and data protection must serve as a
24 resource to local governments and the public on data privacy and
25 protection concerns by:

26 (a) Developing and promoting the dissemination of best practices
27 for the collection and storage of personally identifiable
28 information, including establishing and conducting a training program
29 or programs for local governments; and

30 (b) Educating consumers about the use of personally identifiable
31 information on mobile and digital networks and measures that can help
32 protect this information.

33 (5) By December 1, 2016, and every four years thereafter, the
34 office of privacy and data protection must prepare and submit to the
35 legislature a report evaluating its performance. The office of
36 privacy and data protection must establish performance measures in
37 its 2016 report to the legislature and, in each report thereafter,
38 demonstrate the extent to which performance results have been

1 achieved. These performance measures must include, but are not
2 limited to, the following:

3 (a) The number of state agencies and employees who have
4 participated in the annual privacy training;

5 (b) A report on the extent of the office of privacy and data
6 protection's coordination with international and national experts in
7 the fields of data privacy, data protection, and access equity;

8 (c) A report on the implementation of data protection measures by
9 state agencies attributable in whole or in part to the office of
10 privacy and data protection's coordination of efforts; and

11 (d) A report on consumer education efforts, including but not
12 limited to the number of consumers educated through public outreach
13 efforts, as indicated by how frequently educational documents were
14 accessed, the office of privacy and data protection's participation
15 in outreach events, and inquiries received back from consumers via
16 telephone or other media.

17 (6) Within one year of June 9, 2016, the office of privacy and
18 data protection must submit to the joint legislative audit and review
19 committee for review and comment the performance measures developed
20 under subsection (5) of this section and a data collection plan.

21 (7) The office of privacy and data protection shall submit a
22 report to the legislature on the: (a) Extent to which
23 telecommunications providers in the state are deploying advanced
24 telecommunications capability; and (b) existence of any inequality in
25 access to advanced telecommunications infrastructure experienced by
26 residents of tribal lands, rural areas, and economically distressed
27 communities. The report may be submitted at a time within the
28 discretion of the office of privacy and data protection, at least
29 once every four years, and only to the extent the office of privacy
30 and data protection is able to gather and present the information
31 within existing resources.

32 (8) The office of privacy and data protection must conduct an
33 analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition. By September
34 30, 2023, the office of privacy and data protection must submit a
35 report of its findings to the appropriate committees of the
36 legislature.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** Sections 3 through 14 of this act
38 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** This act takes effect December 31, 2020.

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