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By House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Chapman, Waters, Schmidt, Barnard, Rule, Kloba, Sandlin, Wylie, Reeves, and Tharinger)

- 1 AN ACT Relating to requiring state agencies to share information
- 2 to encourage rural economic development; and adding a new section to
- 3 chapter 43.330 RCW.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The department must collect the following information in the 8 possession of the department of revenue, the department of labor and 9 industries, and the employment security department about each 10 business in Washington state:
- 11 (a) The business's annual revenue;
- 12 (b) The number of employees that the business employs, and their 13 occupations;
 - (c) The business's aggregated payroll; and
- 15 (d) The North American industry classification system (NAICS) 16 code assigned to that business.
- 17 (2) The information obtained by the department under this section 18 and in the department's possession is exempt from public inspection 19 and copying pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW. This section does not 20 affect whether another agency may be required or prohibited by law to 21 disclose any of this information that is in its possession.

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(3) The department must permit contracting associate development organizations to have access to the data collected under this section from the county for which they are designated. The organizations must keep confidential any data received under this section, except that they may provide organizations applying for grant funding with aggregated data. Prior to receiving any data, associate development organizations must meet data security standards established by the department, and complete training developed by the department concerning access, use, and confidentiality of data.

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