

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5300**

Chapter 237, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

CORONERS--SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM AUTHORITY

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the Senate April 19, 2019  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

KAREN KEISER

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 9, 2019  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 30, 2019 3:26 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5300** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

May 1, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Padden, Liias, Pedersen, and Van De Wege

Read first time 01/17/19. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1            AN ACT Relating to providing coroners with additional subpoena  
2 duces tecum authority; and adding a new section to chapter 36.24 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 36.24  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            In addition to any of its existing authorities, the coroner may,  
7 in the course of an active or ongoing death investigation, request  
8 that the superior court issue subpoenas for production of documents  
9 or other records and command each person to whom the subpoena is  
10 directed to produce and permit inspection and copying of documentary  
11 evidence or tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of  
12 that person at a specified time and place. A subpoena for production  
13 must substantively comply with the requirements of CR 45. A subpoena  
14 for production may be joined with a subpoena for testimony, or it may  
15 be issued separately.

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