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SENATE BILL 5308

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By Senators Palumbo, Fain, Hunt, Billig, McCoy, Ranker, Lias, and Saldaña

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting disclosure of information about the  
2 religious affiliation of individuals; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 49.60 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds:

8 (a) Washington state celebrates the rich cultural heritage and  
9 diversity of its residents;

10 (b) Freedom of religion and protection from persecution on the  
11 basis of religion is one of the founding ideals of the nation; and

12 (c) Washington must uphold the protection of religious freedom  
13 enshrined in the United States Constitution for all of its people,  
14 and the state has a moral obligation to protect its citizens from  
15 religious persecution.

16 (2) An agency shall not provide or disclose to federal  
17 authorities personal information regarding the religious affiliation  
18 of any individual that is requested for the purpose of compiling a  
19 database of individuals based solely on religious affiliation.

1           (3) As used in this section, "agency" has the definition in RCW  
2 42.52.010.

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