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1 AN ACT Relating to an exemption from disclosure of certain
2 financial, commercial, and proprietary information submitted to or
3 obtained by a city retirement board on behalf of its employees'
4 retirement system; and amending RCW 42.56.270.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2015 c 274 s 24 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information
9 is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

10 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or
11 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five
12 years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce
13 private gain and public loss;

14 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,
15 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or
16 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
17 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway
18 construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

19 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
20 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters

1 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
2 under RCW 43.23.035;

3 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
4 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
5 services provided by chapters 43.325, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and
6 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or
7 program services provided by any local agency;

8 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports,
9 and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
10 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
11 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

12 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
13 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
14 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
15 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the
16 providers of this information;

17 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

18 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
19 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington
20 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under
21 chapter 70.95H RCW;

22 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public
23 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses
24 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

25 (10)(a) Financial information, including but not limited to
26 account numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied
27 by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability
28 company, partnership, or other entity related to an application for a
29 horse racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b),
30 marijuana producer, processor, or retailer license, liquor license,
31 gambling license, or lottery retail license;

32 (b) Internal control documents, independent auditors' reports and
33 financial statements, and supporting documents: (i) Of house-banked
34 social card game licensees required by the gambling commission
35 pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 9.46 RCW; or (ii) submitted
36 by tribes with an approved tribal/state compact for class III gaming;

37 (11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that
38 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)
39 data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c)
40 determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by

1 any vendor to the department of social and health services for
2 purposes of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state
3 purchased health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011;

4 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of
5 commerce:

6 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any
7 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
8 43.330.050(8); and

9 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any
10 person and provided to the department of commerce or the office of
11 the governor in connection with the siting, recruitment, expansion,
12 retention, or relocation of that person's business and until a siting
13 decision is made, identifying information of any person supplying
14 information under this subsection and the locations being considered
15 for siting, relocation, or expansion of a business;

16 (b) When developed by the department of commerce based on
17 information as described in (a)(i) of this subsection, any work
18 product is not exempt from disclosure;

19 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means
20 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

21 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to
22 the department of commerce from a person connected with siting,
23 recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's
24 business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be
25 available to the public under this chapter;

26 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or
27 obtained by the department of ecology or the authority created under
28 chapter 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

29 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
30 research information and data submitted to or obtained by the life
31 sciences discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery
32 of, grants under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such
33 information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in
34 private loss to the providers of this information;

35 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to
36 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
37 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does
38 not permit the identification of information related to individual
39 fuel licensees;

1 (16) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade
2 secrets submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to
3 the department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085;

4 (17)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts, unless
5 permission to release the farm plan is granted by the landowner or
6 operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is used for the
7 application or issuance of a permit;

8 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under
9 the federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq., are subject
10 to RCW 42.56.610 and 90.64.190;

11 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and
12 research information and data submitted to or obtained by a health
13 sciences and services authority in applications for, or delivery of,
14 grants under RCW 35.104.010 through 35.104.060, to the extent that
15 such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result
16 in private loss to providers of this information;

17 (19) Information gathered under chapter 19.85 RCW or RCW
18 34.05.328 that can be identified to a particular business;

19 (20) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
20 obtained by the University of Washington, other than information the
21 university is required to disclose under RCW 28B.20.150, when the
22 information relates to investments in private funds, to the extent
23 that such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to
24 result in loss to the University of Washington consolidated endowment
25 fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
26 information;

27 (21) Market share data submitted by a manufacturer under RCW
28 70.95N.190(4);

29 (22) Financial information supplied to the department of
30 financial institutions or to a portal under RCW 21.20.883, when filed
31 by or on behalf of an issuer of securities for the purpose of
32 obtaining the exemption from state securities registration for small
33 securities offerings provided under RCW 21.20.880 or when filed by or
34 on behalf of an investor for the purpose of purchasing such
35 securities; (~~and~~)

36 (23) Unaggregated or individual notices of a transfer of crude
37 oil that is financial, proprietary, or commercial information,
38 submitted to the department of ecology pursuant to RCW
39 90.56.565(1)(a), and that is in the possession of the department of

1 ecology or any entity with which the department of ecology has shared
2 the notice pursuant to RCW 90.56.565; and
3 (24) Financial and commercial information submitted to or
4 obtained by the retirement board of any city that is responsible for
5 the management of an employees' retirement system pursuant to the
6 authority of chapter 35.39 RCW, when the information relates to
7 investments in private funds, to the extent that such information, if
8 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in loss to the
9 retirement fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
10 information except that (a) the names and commitment amounts of the
11 private funds in which retirement funds are invested and (b) the
12 aggregate quarterly performance results for a retirement fund's
13 portfolio of investments in such funds are subject to disclosure.

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