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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives McMorris, Conway, Boldt, Hatfield, Clements, Wood, Lisk, Cole, Wensman, Costa and Dunn; by request of Secretary of State)

Brief Title: Regulating electronic signatures.

**HB 1326-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes provisions for auditing and revoking a licensed certification authority.

Declares that a person may not refuse to honor, accept, or act upon a court order, writ, or warrant upon the basis that it is electronic in form and signed with a digital signature, if the digital signature was certified by a licensed certification authority or otherwise issued under court rule.

Authorizes the department of information services to become a licensed certification authority, under chapter 19.34 RCW, for the purpose of providing services to state and local government.

Declares that the department shall only issue certificates, as defined in RCW 19.34.020, in which the subscriber is: (1) The state of Washington or a department, office, or agency of the state;

(2) a city, county, district, or other municipal corporation, or a department, office, or agency of the city, county, district, or municipal corporation;

(3) an agent or employee of an entity described by (1) or (2) of this section, for purposes of official public business; or

(4) an applicant for a license as a certification authority.