
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6499

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Technology & Communications (originally sponsored by Senators Schmidt, Poulsen, Esser and Eide)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a wireless network in the
2 legislative building; adding a new section to chapter 44.68 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that fast and
6 convenient access to information improves the efficiency and
7 effectiveness of government. The legislature further declares that
8 ready and equitable public access to information is fundamental to the
9 sound governance of a free society. Therefore, the legislature intends
10 to encourage the use of new technology to facilitate and expand access
11 to information by state officers, state employees, and the public.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The joint legislative systems committee, the department of
15 information services, and the department of general administration
16 shall deploy a pilot wireless network. The network shall initially be
17 established in the legislative building during 2004 as part of the
18 legislative building rehabilitation project with the future objective

1 of expanding coverage to the state capitol campus. The committee and
2 the departments shall determine the schedule for future deployment of
3 the network.

4 (2) The committee and the departments shall determine the means by
5 which persons may use the network; however, access shall proceed in
6 three phases: Phase one, legislative officers and staff; phase two,
7 executive officers and staff; and phase three, the public.

8 (3) In determining the conditions under which the public may access
9 the network, the committee and the departments shall consult with the
10 state library.

11 (4) The committee and the departments may choose a private vendor
12 to deploy or provide network services.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint legislative systems committee, the
14 department of information services, and the department of general
15 administration shall present a report to the appropriate technology
16 committees in the house of representatives and the senate on the
17 deployment of the wireless network by January 10, 2005. The report
18 shall include recommendations and fiscal implications of expanding the
19 wireless network to additional state capitol campus facilities, the
20 executive officers, their staff, and the public.

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