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SENATE BILL 5733

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By Senators Kastama, Chase, and Shin

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Development, Trade & Innovation.

1            AN ACT Relating to economic development through the establishment  
2 of an international contact database; amending RCW 42.56.230; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.31 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 43.31 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The legislature finds that knowledge of worldwide business  
8 contacts, government contacts, cultural contacts, and international  
9 friends is critical to building a solid network of opportunities for  
10 developing trade relations for our state.

11            (2) The legislature also finds that knowledge of international  
12 exchange students who have studied in Washington state institutions of  
13 higher education, especially those from key trading partner countries,  
14 and knowledge of Washington state students, interns, and citizens  
15 working and studying abroad, is critical to the ability of Washington  
16 businesses and citizens to establish contacts and networks in the  
17 competitive world market.

18            (3)(a) The department may develop and maintain a database, to be

1 known as the international contact database, listing, in addition to  
2 any other information:

3 (i) International business contacts of those people interested in  
4 doing business with Washington business;

5 (ii) International government contacts, particularly with our key  
6 trading partners;

7 (iii) Washington students, interns, and citizens working and  
8 studying overseas;

9 (iv) International students who have studied at Washington  
10 educational institutions; and

11 (v) Exchange opportunities for Washington residents wishing to  
12 participate in education, internships, or technical assistance programs  
13 in the areas of agriculture, hydroelectric power, aerospace, computers  
14 and technology, academics, medicine, and communications.

15 (b) The database may be designed to be used as a resource for  
16 Washington citizens, businesses, and other entities seeking contacts in  
17 international trade markets overseas.

18 (4) The department of agriculture, the governor's office of  
19 protocol, the lieutenant governor's office, and the secretary of state  
20 may assist the department in designing and developing the database and  
21 in obtaining data for inclusion in the database. Four-year educational  
22 institutions and their alumni associations are encouraged to maintain  
23 data concerning students studying or working abroad, international  
24 students attending their institutions, and exchange opportunities  
25 available to their students and other citizens, and to make such data  
26 freely available to the department for inclusion in the database.

27 (5) The information contained in the database may be made available  
28 on request for inspection or copying for free or at cost. The  
29 department may not distinguish among persons requesting information  
30 from the database, though the department may request information from  
31 requesters for purposes of monitoring trade contacts and evaluating the  
32 uses and effectiveness of the database.

33 (6) Any person listed in the database may request in writing that  
34 his or her name, address, telephone number, or other identifying  
35 information be omitted from the database.

36 (7) Nothing in this section prohibits the department from refusing  
37 to disclose information exempt from disclosure under RCW 42.56.230.

1           **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.56.230 and 2010 c 106 s 102 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           The following personal information is exempt from public inspection  
4 and copying under this chapter:

5           (1) Personal information in any files maintained for students in  
6 public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public  
7 health agencies, or welfare recipients;

8           (2) Personal information in files maintained for employees,  
9 appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent  
10 that disclosure would violate their right to privacy;

11           (3) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the  
12 assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the  
13 information to other persons would: (a) Be prohibited to such persons  
14 by RCW 84.08.210, 82.32.330, 84.40.020, 84.40.340, or any ordinance  
15 authorized under RCW 35.102.145; or (b) violate the taxpayer's right to  
16 privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer;

17           (4) Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, electronic check  
18 numbers, card expiration dates, or bank or other financial account  
19 numbers, except when disclosure is expressly required by or governed by  
20 other law;

21           (5) Personal and financial information related to a small loan or  
22 any system of authorizing a small loan in RCW 31.45.093; (~~and~~)

23           (6) Documents and related materials and scanned images of documents  
24 and related materials used to prove identity, age, residential address,  
25 social security number, or other personal information required to apply  
26 for a driver's license or identicard; and

27           (7) Personal information in files maintained in a database created  
28 under section 1 of this act.

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