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By Senators McCoy, Kline, Kohl-Welles, and Chase

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1            AN ACT Relating to the exemption of information concerning  
2 archaeological resources and traditional cultural places from public  
3 disclosure; and amending RCW 42.56.300.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.300 and 2006 c 86 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Records, maps, or other information identifying the location of  
8 archaeological sites in order to avoid the looting or depredation of  
9 such sites are exempt from disclosure under this chapter.

10           (2) Records, maps, and other information, acquired during watershed  
11 analysis pursuant to the forests and fish report under RCW 76.09.370,  
12 that identify the location of archaeological sites, historic sites,  
13 artifacts, or the sites of traditional religious, ceremonial, or social  
14 uses and activities of affected Indian tribes, are exempt from  
15 disclosure under this chapter in order to prevent the looting or  
16 depredation of such sites.

17           (3) Any information related to historical archaeological resources,  
18 traditional cultural places, or archaeological resources obtained by an

1 agency from another agency, a tribal government, or pursuant to any  
2 data-sharing agreement with the department of archaeology and historic  
3 preservation, is exempt from disclosure under this chapter.

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