

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6354

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 29, 2012, 2:26 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6354** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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March 29, 2012

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Kastama, Chase, Tom, Frockt, and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to filing of business forms with state agencies;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In any instance where a state agency requires that a business
7 submit a document, form, or payment of a fee in paper format, the state
8 agency must provide the business an option to submit such requirement
9 electronically.

10 (2) A business may authorize a second party to meet the
11 requirements imposed by a state agency under subsection (1) of this
12 section on its behalf.

13 (3) The director of a state agency or the director's designee may
14 exempt a document, form, or payment of a fee from the requirements of
15 this section if:

16 (a)(i) There is a legal requirement for such materials to be
17 submitted in paper format; or

18 (ii) It is not technically or fiscally feasible or practical, or in

1 the best interest of businesses for such materials to be submitted
2 electronically; and

3 (b) Within existing resources, the director or the director's
4 designee establishes and maintains a process to notify the public
5 regarding such exemptions.

6 (4) Agencies must add the capability to submit existing documents,
7 forms, and fees electronically as part of their normal operations. New
8 documents, forms, and fees required of a business must be capable of
9 electronic submission within a reasonable time following either their
10 creation or the implementation of the new requirement.

11 (5) Agencies must document how they plan to transition from paper
12 to electronic forms.

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