

Email to the Legislators

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This is the email I sent to all of the Washington State Legislators today. The Auditor's report that is referenced is in the Library section of this website.

The Email

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Subject: Auditor's PRA Report

I have just finished reviewing the State Auditor's Report "The Effect of Public Records Requests on State and Local Governments". A major factor was ignored.

From Adam Smith to Greg Mankiw, a basic tenet of economics has been "People respond to incentives". The Washington State PRA has a perverse incentive. An individual can order a raft of public records per RCW 42.56.080, find any mere imperfection, wait a year per RCW 42.56.550(6), sue and look for a financial payout per RCW 42.56.550(4). While not a guarantee of success, there is certainly a significant incentive to try, with little downside.

Appendix 1 left this out of the comparison, so a spreadsheet is attached with that additional feature addressed.

Also, the total dollars spent on responding to requests doesn't really tell you much. It does not reflect the percentage of the general/relevant fund used for processing requests nor does it note what percentage of requests cost what percentage of the processing costs. These are critical issues for intelligent legislation.

I will be doing a bit of research in that area (via public records requests) and will pontificate upon it when completed.

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For more information, got to: <http://www.PersonalRevengeAct.com> (last updated July 13)

Bounty Hunter Comparisons Attachment

| A snapshot of other states' public till to private bank account pipeline | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Feature Addressed | WA | FL | IL | MA | MN | OR | PA | UT | VT | |
| Bounty Hunter Payouts to Requester | | | | | | | | | | |
| O'Neill v Shoreline | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Seattle Times v L & I | \$503,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Citizens Sustain v SnoCo | \$402,250 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| "Bounty Hunter" was the term used by the Washington State Supreme Court in Fritz v Gordon 1974 | | | | | | | | | | |