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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5315**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Haugen, M. Rasmussen, Amondson, Hargrove, Sheldon, L. Smith, Prince and Deccio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to cellular communication expenses of state  
2 employees; and adding new sections to chapter 43.03 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 43.03 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that, with the growth of cellular telephone  
7 technology, many more state employees are using cellular telephones for  
8 state business, either from vehicles or from land stations. While the  
9 availability of cellular telephones can expedite the conduct of state  
10 business, there are currently no clear fiscal controls on their use by  
11 state employees. It is the intent of the legislature to regulate  
12 expenditures for cellular telecommunications to prevent potential  
13 abuses and incurring excessive costs.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.03 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The director of the office of financial management, in consultation  
17 with the director of the department of information services, shall  
18 develop regulations for the use of cellular telecommunications by state

1 employees in conducting public business. In developing such  
2 regulations, the following criteria shall be taken into account:

3 (1) Responsible agency heads retain determination of which  
4 employees of the agency require assignment of cellular telephones for  
5 performing their assigned tasks;

6 (2) Allowable expenditures for cellular telephone use shall be  
7 specified in the accounting procedures manual issued by the office of  
8 financial management pursuant to RCW 43.88.160;

9 (3) Reasonable limitations shall be set for reimbursement of  
10 employees who use their own cellular telephones on state business; and

11 (4) The special needs of law enforcement and other field personnel  
12 who require cellular telephones for emergency situations or for their  
13 own protection shall be taken into account.

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