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By Representative Mena

**HB 1710** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

1 On page 5, line 9, after "(4)" strike "The" and insert "Except as  
2 provided under section 5 of this act, the"

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4 On page 5, line 30, after "(1)" strike "An" and insert "Except as  
5 provided under section 5 of this act, an"

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7 On page 7, after line 9, insert the following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Once a covered practice is approved by the  
9 attorney general or a court pursuant to section 2 of this act, an  
10 action against the political subdivision based on the same covered  
11 practice may not be brought within four years of the approval of that  
12 covered practice so long as the political subdivision does not enact a  
13 change to or deviation from the approved covered practice during the  
14 four-year period that would otherwise give rise to an action under  
15 this chapter or chapter 29A.92 RCW."

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17 Renumber the remaining subsection consecutively and correct any  
18 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Creates a four-year safe harbor from challenges to a political subdivision's covered practice that was approved by a court or the Attorney General, unless the political subdivision alters the covered practice during the four-years that would give rise to an action under the act or the Washington Voting Rights Act.

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