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HB 2700 / SB 6387

Concerning the handling of child forensic interview and child interview digital recordings.

Supported by the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) and the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA)

WACO and the County Prosecutors are seeking to exempt child forensic interviews that depict or describe allegations of abuse or exposure to violence from the Public Records Act except by court order upon a showing of good cause and notice to the child's guardian.

The legislation requires that digital recordings of child interviews disclosed in criminal or civil proceedings be subject to a protective order; a violation of this order is subject to a civil penalty up to \$10,000.

The bill defines the term "Child Forensic Interview".

The proposed legislation further protects the privacy of youth under the age of 18, protecting them from potential re-victimization and social stigma.