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**SENATE BILL 5688**

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**By** Senator Hasegawa

1       AN    ACT    Relating    to    acknowledging    Washington    state's  
2    constitutional rights, including state sovereignty, as guaranteed by  
3    the United States Constitution and Washington Constitution to ensure  
4    that no state resources are expended enforcing any federal order that  
5    violates the United States Constitution, Washington Constitution, or  
6    judicial precedent; adding new sections to chapter 43.01 RCW;  
7    creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

9       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   The legislature finds that it is incumbent  
10   upon the state of Washington to protect Washingtonians from  
11   unconstitutional federal and state actions. The legislature also  
12   finds that federal executive orders that are unconstitutional and  
13   violate legal precedents or standards should not be followed. The  
14   legislature, therefore, intends to ensure no official or employee of  
15   the state or its political subdivisions will be required or  
16   authorized to act in violation of the United States Constitution or  
17   Washington Constitution, and that the state will seek to recover any  
18   costs associated with fighting for the rights of the citizens of  
19   Washington.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.01  
2 RCW to read as follows:

3        No state or local official or employee, agent of the state of  
4 Washington or its political subdivisions, employee of a corporation  
5 providing services for the state of Washington, or member of the  
6 national guard or state defense forces acting in his or her capacity  
7 as a state or local official or employee, is required or authorized  
8 to act in an official capacity to follow any federal executive order  
9 which does not comply with the United States Constitution, the  
10 Washington Constitution, or judicial precedents or standards.

11       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.01  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13       Any state or local agency, including law enforcement and  
14 emergency services agencies, that incurs costs as a result of  
15 protecting the rights of citizens under the First Amendment to the  
16 United States Constitution to protest any federal executive order  
17 which does not comply with the United States Constitution, the  
18 Washington Constitution, or judicial precedents or standards may  
19 submit an invoice to the United States department of the treasury  
20 allocating those costs and seeking reimbursement.

21       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act may be known and cited as the  
22 Washington sovereignty act.

23       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
25 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
26 effect immediately.

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