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FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies confidential information that the Employment Department is required or allowed to disclose. Describes purposes for which disclosed information may be used. Requires, in some cases, that the recipient of information to pay costs of disclosing information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Why records are disclosed
- Types of information that can be disclosed
- Number of agencies that can receive confidential information

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Employment Department is required by statute to disclose requested confidential information to other state and federal agencies. Examples of how this information is used include forwarding unemployment insurance records to the agencies that manage public assistance programs, public housing, and child support.

Current statute specifying the types of information that can be disclosed is confusing. SB 197 A clarifies and simplifies statutory language to make clear the department's ability to share confidential information with workforce partners for effective service delivery, while balancing the need to protect the confidentiality of information received from Employment Department customers.