

2 **SSB 5839** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4-7-93**  
3 By Committee on State Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 **"NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
8 consolidate mail functions for state government in a manner that will  
9 provide timely, effective, efficient, and less-costly mail service for  
10 state government.

11 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
14 this section apply throughout this section and section 3 of this act.

15 (1) "Consolidated mail service" means incoming, outgoing, and  
16 internal mail processing.

17 (2) "Department" means the department of general administration.

18 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of general  
19 administration.

20 (4) "Agency" means:

21 (a) The office of the governor; and

22 (b) Any office, department, board, commission, or other separate  
23 unit or division, however designated, of the state government, together  
24 with all personnel thereof: Upon which the statutes confer powers and  
25 impose duties in connection with operations of either a governmental or  
26 proprietary nature; and that has as its chief executive officer a  
27 person or combination of persons such as a commission, board, or  
28 council, by law empowered to operate it, responsible either to: (i) No  
29 other public officer or (ii) the governor.

30 (5) "Incoming mail" means mail, packages, or similar items received  
31 by an agency, through the United States postal service, private carrier  
32 services, or other courier services.

33 (6) "Outgoing mail" means mail, packages, or similar items  
34 processed for agencies to be sent through the United States postal  
35 service, private carrier services, or other courier services.

1       (7) "Internal mail" means interagency mail, packages, or similar  
2 items that are delivered or to be delivered to a state agency, the  
3 legislature, the supreme court, or the court of appeals, and their  
4 officers and employees.

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       The director shall establish a consolidated mail service to handle  
8 all incoming, outgoing, and internal mail in the 98504 zip code area or  
9 successor zip code areas for agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and  
10 Lacey area. The director may include additional geographic areas  
11 within the consolidated mail service, based upon his or her  
12 determination. The department shall also provide mail services to  
13 legislative and judicial agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey  
14 area upon request.

15       The director may bill state agencies and other entities  
16 periodically for mail services rendered.

17       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All employees of any state agency who are  
18 employed exclusively or principally in performing the powers, duties,  
19 or functions assigned to the department pursuant to section 3 of this  
20 act, may be transferred to the department of general administration.  
21 The office of financial management shall determine the number of  
22 employees to be transferred for efficient operation of the mail  
23 service. Upon such transfer to the department of general  
24 administration, such employees shall continue to be governed by the  
25 provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, and shall  
26 retain their permanent or probationary status together with all rights,  
27 privileges, and immunities attaching thereto.

28       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department, in cooperation with the  
29 office of financial management, shall review current and prospective  
30 needs of state agencies for any equipment to process mail throughout  
31 state government. If after such consultation, the department should  
32 find that the economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of state government  
33 would be improved by such a transfer or other disposition, then the  
34 property shall be transferred or otherwise disposed.

35       After making such finding, the department shall direct the  
36 transfer of existing state property, facilities, and equipment

1 pertaining to the consolidated mail service or United States postal  
2 service. Any dispute concerning the benefits in state governmental  
3 economy, efficiency, and effectiveness shall be resolved by the office  
4 of financial management.

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
8 effect July 1, 1993."

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