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By Senators Horn, Haugen, Benton, Goings, Wood and Winsley

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1            AN ACT Relating to technology planning; and amending RCW 43.105.160  
2 and 43.105.190.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.105.160 and 1996 c 171 s 9 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The department shall prepare a state strategic information  
7 technology plan which shall establish a state-wide mission, goals, and  
8 objectives for the use of information technology, including goals for  
9 electronic access to government records, information, and services.  
10 The plan shall be developed in accordance with the standards and  
11 policies established by the board and shall be submitted to the board  
12 for review, modification as necessary, and approval. The department  
13 shall seek the advice of the board in the development of this plan.

14            The plan approved under this section shall be updated as necessary  
15 and submitted to the governor ((and)), the chairs and ranking minority  
16 members of the appropriations committees of the senate and the house of  
17 representatives, and, during the legislative session, to the chairs and  
18 ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate  
19 and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the

1 approved plan must be submitted to the legislative transportation  
2 committee, instead of the standing transportation committees.

3 (2) The department shall prepare a biennial state performance  
4 report on information technology based on agency performance reports  
5 required under RCW 43.105.170 and other information deemed appropriate  
6 by the department. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

7 (a) An evaluation of performance relating to information  
8 technology;

9 (b) An assessment of progress made toward implementing the state  
10 strategic information technology plan, including progress toward  
11 electronic access to public information and enabling citizens to have  
12 two-way access to public records, information, and services;

13 (c) An analysis of the success or failure, feasibility, progress,  
14 costs, and timeliness of implementation of major information technology  
15 projects under RCW 43.105.190;

16 (d) Identification of benefits, cost avoidance, and cost savings  
17 generated by major information technology projects developed under RCW  
18 43.105.190; and

19 (e) An inventory of state information services, equipment, and  
20 proprietary software.

21 Copies of the report shall be distributed biennially to the  
22 governor ~~((and))~~, the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
23 appropriations committees of the senate and the house of  
24 representatives, and, during the legislative session, the chairs and  
25 ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate  
26 and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the  
27 report must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee,  
28 instead of the standing transportation committees.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.105.190 and 1996 c 137 s 15 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The department, with the approval of the board, shall establish  
32 standards and policies governing the planning, implementation, and  
33 evaluation of major information technology projects, including those  
34 proposed by the superintendent of public instruction, in conjunction  
35 with educational service districts, or state-wide or regional providers  
36 of K-12 education information technology services. The standards and  
37 policies shall:

1 (a) Establish criteria to identify projects which are subject to  
2 this section. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to,  
3 significant anticipated cost, complexity, or state-wide significance of  
4 the project; and

5 (b) Establish a model process and procedures which agencies shall  
6 follow in developing and implementing project plans. Agencies may  
7 propose, for approval by the department, a process and procedures  
8 unique to the agency. The department may accept or require  
9 modification of such agency proposals or the department may reject such  
10 agency proposals and require use of the model process and procedures  
11 established under this subsection. Any process and procedures  
12 developed under this subsection shall require (i) distinct and  
13 identifiable phases upon which funding may be based, (ii) user  
14 validation of products through system demonstrations and testing of  
15 prototypes and deliverables, and (iii) other elements identified by the  
16 board.

17 Project plans and any agreements established under such plans shall  
18 be approved and mutually agreed upon by the director, the director of  
19 financial management, and the head of the agency proposing the project.

20 The director may terminate a major project if the director  
21 determines that the project is not meeting or is not expected to meet  
22 anticipated performance standards.

23 (2) The office of financial management shall establish policies and  
24 standards governing the funding of projects developed under this  
25 section. The policies and standards shall provide for:

26 (a) Funding of a project under terms and conditions mutually agreed  
27 to by the director, the director of financial management, and the head  
28 of the agency proposing the project. However, the office of financial  
29 management may require incremental funding of a project on a phase-by-  
30 phase basis whereby funds for a given phase of a project may be  
31 released only when the office of financial management determines, with  
32 the advice of the department, that the previous phase is satisfactorily  
33 completed;

34 (b) Acceptance testing of products to assure that products perform  
35 satisfactorily before they are accepted and final payment is made; and

36 (c) Other elements deemed necessary by the office of financial  
37 management.

38 (3) The department shall evaluate projects at three stages of  
39 development as follows: (a) Initial needs assessment; (b) feasibility

1 study including definition of scope, development of tasks and  
2 timelines, and estimated costs and benefits; and (c) final project  
3 implementation plan based upon available funding.

4 Copies of project evaluations conducted under this subsection shall  
5 be submitted to the office of financial management and the chairs,  
6 ranking minority members, and staff coordinators of the appropriations  
7 committees of the senate and house of representatives.

8 If there are projects that receive funding from a transportation  
9 fund or account, copies of those projects' evaluations conducted under  
10 this subsection must be submitted, during the legislative session, to  
11 the chairs and ranking minority members of the transportation  
12 committees of the senate and the house of representatives. During the  
13 legislative interim, the project evaluations must be submitted to the  
14 legislative transportation committee.

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