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Sponsor(s): Representatives Hunter, Talcott, Haigh, Jarrett, Cox, Tom, Rockefeller, Schual-Berke, Miloscia, Quall, McDermott, Grant, Bailey, Nixon, Santos, Hunt and Clibborn

Brief Description: Requiring a study of the state's education finance system.

**HB 1811 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Directs the office of financial management to conduct a comprehensive study of the Washington education finance system, including examination of alternative teacher compensation models.

Provides that the study shall, at a minimum: (1) Compare Washington's common school funding system with those in other states that are beginning to link finance systems with education reform and expected student learning outcomes;

(2) Review the role of state and local funding and levy equalization policies in the Washington common school finance system, building upon the 2002 joint task force on local effort assistance report; and

(3) Design alternative common school finance systems for Washington.

Requires the office of financial management to report initial findings and recommendations of the committee to the legislature, including the education and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate, by June 30, 2004. A final report shall be provided to the education and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December 20, 2004.

Expires June 30, 2005.