
HOUSE BILL 2342

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1 AN ACT Relating to making state budget information available to the
2 public; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The office of financial management shall
5 create and make available to the public a state budget information web
6 site. All agencies, including those in the legislative and judicial
7 branches, are directed to cooperate with the office of financial
8 management in this effort. The purpose of the web site is to make
9 information about state budgets and state spending available at a
10 single location even though some of that information may originate from
11 outside sources, including the legislature, state auditor, judicial
12 branch, or other entities.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The budget information web site shall
14 contain the following information:

- 15 (1) For actual expenditures, expenditures by fund, by sub-object,
16 and by month at the program level of detail;
17 (2) For planned expenditures, allotments by fund, by object, and by

1 month at the agency level, except for the department of social and
2 health services and the office of the superintendent of public
3 instruction, which shall be at the program level;

4 (3) For performance and financial audits, copies of each audit
5 issued on or after January 1, 2006, by the joint legislative audit and
6 review committee, state auditor, federal government, or private entity
7 auditing a state agency. Such audits must be indexed by agency, except
8 for the department of social and health services, which must also be
9 indexed by program, by type of audit, by auditing entity, by report
10 date, and by the time period the audit covered;

11 (4) For contracts required to be filed with or approved by the
12 office of financial management, the contractor name, type of contract,
13 statement of work, agency, amounts, time period of the contract, any
14 contract amendments, and other similar information;

15 (5) For performance and workload measures, actual and budgeted
16 measures indexed by measure, time period, and by agency, except for the
17 department of social and health services, which must also be indexed by
18 program;

19 (6) For historical financial information, data maintained by the
20 legislative evaluation and accountability program in the ten-year
21 historical database, including a summary explanation of how historical
22 expenditures may differ from actual expenditures;

23 (7) For budget information, copies of the governor's request
24 documents, copies of budget proposals adopted by either chamber of the
25 legislature, as well as legislative budget notes reflecting the enacted
26 budget.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In creating the web site, the office of
28 financial management shall allow users to aggregate data to the highest
29 level and view data at the lowest level of detail. The web site must
30 allow users to compare total expenditures to allotments at the
31 statewide level for an entire biennium. The web site must allow users
32 to compare total expenditures to allotments by month for each fund, for
33 each object of expenditure, and for each agency. The web site shall be
34 made public no later than January 1, 2008. At a minimum, the web site
35 shall always include information for the current and previous
36 bienniums.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** In creating the web site, the office of
2 financial management may link to data maintained by other state
3 entities rather than duplicating the content, provided that such links
4 are transparent to the user. The office of financial management shall
5 consult with the administrator of the courts and the appropriate
6 committees of the legislature in implementing this chapter. Nothing in
7 this chapter requires or prohibits the office of financial management
8 from including local government information on the web site.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
10 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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