

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2327

As Passed House:

April 15, 2009

Title: An act relating to eliminating or reducing the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.

Brief Description: Eliminating or reducing the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.

Sponsors: House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville and Ericks; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Ways & Means: 4/2/09, 4/14/09 [DPS].

Floor Activity

Passed House: 4/15/09, 97-0.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill

- Requires all reports submitted to the Legislature, as well as all annual and biennial reports to be submitted in an electronic format-only.
- Requires notification of new reports via electronic letter to the appropriate legislative committee and to the Governor's office.
- Requires the legislative Internet home page to contain these reports, and to organize them in a way that is easily accessible by legislators, staff and the public.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 22 members: Representatives Linville, Chair; Ericks, Vice Chair; Alexander, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dammeier, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Cody, Conway, Darneille, Haigh, Hinkle, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Pettigrew, Priest, Ross, Schmick, Seaquist and Sullivan.

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Background:

Statute requires state agencies to submit reports to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress, status, or effectiveness of various programs. Many of these reports are submitted annually or on a regular basis, while others may be a one-time requirement to complete a study and make recommendations.

Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill:

Twenty-one reports are eliminated and 12 reports are required to be submitted biennially, rather than annually. (See table of eliminated and reduced frequency of reports for detail.) In addition, requirements regarding the production of all legislative reports, as well as annual and biennial reports, in an electronic format-only, are specified. Notice of these reports will be provided to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor, and the reports will be available on the Legislature's Internet home page in an easily accessible manner.

**Eliminated and Reduced Frequency of Reports
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Agency	Report	Report Frequency	Report Disposition	Bill Section
Child Welfare Services	Department's success in meeting need for adoptive and foster home placements; reducing foster parent turnover rate; completing home studies; implementation of passport program	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 5
Community Economic Revitalization Board	Review of revenues received by local governments and dedicated to public improvements projects; names of businesses locating within the revenue development area as a result of improvement projects; number of permanent jobs created; and average wages and benefits of employees	Annual report to Legislature and public	Biennial report	Sec. 13
Community, Trade, and Economic Development	Performance results of contracts with county-designated associate development organizations	Annual report to Legislature and Washington Economic	Biennial report	Sec. 16

		Development Commission		
Community, Trade, and Economic Development	Public Works Board summary of low interest emergency loans to local governments for emergency public works projects and for preconstruction activities on public works projects before legislative approval	Annual report to Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 17
Community, Trade, and Economic Development	Assessment of state's performance in furthering goals of state 10-year homeless housing strategic plan	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 18
Community, Trade, and Economic Development	Children of Incarcerated Parents Advisory Committee update on committee activities	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 19
Community, Trade, and Economic Development	Summary of previous year's bond allocation requests and issuance	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 20
Community, Trade, and Economic Development Motion Picture Competitive-ness Program	Annual survey of the motion picture competitiveness program	Annual report to Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 15
Early Learning, Department of	Effectiveness of early childhood education programs	Biennial report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Early Learning, Department of	Findings related to longitudinal study to examine and monitor the effectiveness of early childhood educational and assistance services	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Financial Institutions, Department of	Review of the number and type of consumer	Biennial report	Eliminated	Sec. 1

	complaints from residential mortgage lending			
Financial Institutions, Department of	Review of the activity of the mortgage lending Fraud Prosecution Account	Annual report	Eliminated	Sec. 2
Financial Institutions, Department of	Summary of the conditions of banks, savings banks, foreign bank branches, etc.; list of those organized or closed during the year; and other information as advisable	Biennial report to Governor	Biennial report	Sec. 12
Fish and Wildlife	Salmon recovery expenditures (submitted by Salmon Recovery Funding Board)	Biennial report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 10
Health Professions Disciplining Authority	Summary of proceedings during past year concerning complaints made, investigated, and adjudicated, and manner of disposition	Annual report to the Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 23
Health, Department of	Yearly report prepared by independent entity for the Department regarding adverse events and incidents reported by medical facilities; patient safety trends; recommendations for statutory/regulatory changes; and consumer education information regarding medical facilities efforts on patient safety	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 8
Health, Department of	State plan and yearly progress on state asthma plan	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 9
Health, Department of	Distribution of funds to local health jurisdictions	Annual report to Governor and Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11

Health, State Board of	Recommendations for public health priorities	Annual report to the Governor	Biennial report	Sec. 24
Office of Financial Management	Fee and expense report on civil actions against agencies	Annual report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Office of Financial Management	Status of the energy freedom program	Annual report to Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 21
Office of Financial Management	Evaluation of the Savings Incentive Account, including impact on agency reversions and expenditure patterns, and itemization of agency expenditures	Annual report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 22
Office of Financial Management and state agencies	Annual maintenance reports including the number, size, and condition of state owned facilities; facility maintenance, repair, and operating expenses; condition of major infrastructure systems	Annual report	Eliminated	Sec. 3
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board	Acquisitions and development projects funded by the board	Biennial report to Governor, Legislature, and the Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Social and Health Services	Declined acceptance of child custody from law enforcement agency, including dates, places, and reasons why custody was declined	Annual report (only in years when custody of a child has been declined)	Eliminated	Sec. 6
Social and Health Services	Progress and barriers of the immigrant naturalization facilitation effort	Annual report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 7
Social and Health Services	Status of the Washington telephone assistance program	Annual report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11

Social and Health Services	Outcome measures for WorkFirst Program	Annual report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Social and Health Services, Department of	Prevention of out-of-home placements by Family Preservation Services	Biennial report to Legislature	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Washington State Patrol	Performance measurements and objectives of the task force on missing and exploited children and accomplishments of task force	Annual report	Eliminated	Sec. 4
Washington State Patrol	Uniformity of state and federal regulations regarding transportation of hazardous materials	Report as needed	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Washington State Patrol	State fire protection	Annual report to Governor	Eliminated	Sec. 11
Washington Tourism Commission	Tourism development program and financial benefits to state	Annual report to Legislature	Biennial report	Sec. 14

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Reducing the number of reports created was part of a process that the Governor engaged agencies in, to look for ways to streamline administrative costs. Agencies were asked to provide a list of reports that they felt were of minimal value, were duplicative, or ones that could be phased to a longer period between reports with no impact. The bill does not remove the obligations for agencies to collect the data; in many cases they are providing the data but in other formats or reports, but there are costs associated with producing these reports – both in staff time and in material costs. As we are shrinking resources, we want to focus our priorities on providing direct services within those agencies. The real savings is in staff time, and this is where attention should be directed. The bill is necessary to allow many agencies to legally stop printing on paper. The Department of Revenue isn't statutorily required to submit reports in paper, whereas other agencies do have statutory requirements that would require a bill to change it.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Brian Peyton, Department of Health; and Julie Murray, Office of Financial Management.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.