
**General Government Appropriations
Committee**

HB 3020

Brief Description: Eliminating the public printer and transferring print functions to the department of information services.

Sponsors: Representatives Linville and Wallace; by request of Governor Gregoire.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Eliminates the Department of Printing.
- Transfers the duties and powers of the Department of Printing to the Department of Information Services.
- Extends the 5 percent markup for subcontracted print jobs to institutions of higher education.

Hearing Date: 2/2/10

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Background:

The Public Printer, also known as the Department of Printing, was established by law in 1854. Statute requires the Public Printer to provide all printing and binding for the Legislature and state agencies, with certain exceptions.

In certain cases, the Department of Printing may subcontract a printing job to a private vendor. Except when filling orders for institutions of higher education, the Department of Printing may apply a 5 percent markup to such print jobs.

The Legislature created the Department of Information Services (DIS) in 1987 to provide telecommunications, computer services, and technology policy standards to state agencies. The

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DIS also offers services to school districts, cities, counties, public utility districts, colleges and universities, public hospitals, tribal organizations, and eligible nonprofit organizations.

The DIS provides staff support to the Information Services Board (Board), which is composed of representatives of state government and private industry. Board activities include the development of statewide information technology (IT) policy, oversight of major IT projects, preparation of technical IT standards, and evaluation of the technical merits of proposed projects.

Summary of Bill:

Effective July 1, 2010, the Department of Printing is eliminated, and its powers, duties, and functions are transferred to the DIS.

The Board is authorized to develop standards for printer services and office printers. New definitions are added for “printer services” and “office printers.”

All Department of Printing employees are transferred to DIS. All union employees will remain exempt from the State Civil Service Act until their union contracts expire. Upon expiration, these employees will be classified under the State Civil Service Act. Effective July 1, 2011, all non-union employees will be classified under the State Civil Service Act.

In the event that the DIS subcontracts a print job ordered by an institution of higher education, the DIS may charge a 5 percent markup on the job.

Chapter 43.78 RCW (Public Printer) is recodified as sections in Chapter 43.105 RCW (Department of Information Services). Numerous other statutes are amended to correct references to the “public printer” or to Chapter 43.78 RCW.

Certain statutory requirements relating to the Department of Printing’s operations are repealed, including, but not limited to the following:

- Appointment of the public printer; and
- Specific requirements relating to billing statements and printing specifications.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.