SENATE BILL REPORT SB 6149

As of April 7, 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: Senators Regala and Tom; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 4/06/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Jenny Greenlee (786-7711)

Background: Many state agencies are required to write reports on a variety of topics and many of those must be delivered to the Legislature and other interested parties on a specific schedule.

Summary of Bill: Many of the provisions related to reports required of state agencies are changed. Twenty-one reports are eliminated and the frequency of reporting for an additional 13 reports is changed. The changes to specific reports are reported below by type of change and agency.

Reports Being Eliminated: Department of Social and Health Services:

Foster Care Report;

Dependency and Termination Report;

Immigration Naturalization Report;

Intensive Family Preservation Services Report;

Washington Telephone Assistance Program Report; and

WorkFirst Outcomes Report.

Department of Health (DOH):

Adverse Hospital Events Report; State Asthma Plan Progress Reports; Temporary Worker Housing Report; and

Funds to local Health Jurisdictions.

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Department of Early Learning:

Improving Early Childhood Education Status Report; and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Performance Report.

Department of Financial Institutions (DFI):

Mortgage Lending Complaints Report; and Mortgage Lending Fraud Prosecution Account Report.

Washington State Patrol:

Missing and Exploited Children Task Force Report; Uniformity of Regulations Report; and Fire Protection Report.

Office of Financial Management (OFM):

Maintenance of State Facilities Report; and Prevailing Party Fee and Expense Report.

Other:

Salmon Recover Expenditures Report - Salmon Recovery Board; and Fish, Wildlife, and Natural Resources Report - Conservation Funding Board.

<u>Changes in the Frequency of Reporting:</u> Annual to Biennial:

Bank Status Report - DFI;

State Homelessness Report - Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED);

Children and Families of Incarcerated Parents Report - CTED;

Energy Freedom Program Status Report - CTED; and

Health Professions Disciplinary Actions Report - DOH.

Annual to Even Years:

Local Infrastructure Financing Tool Report - Department of Revenue;

Tourism Commission Report - CTED;

Motion Picture Competitiveness Report - CTED;

Associate Development Organization Report - CTED;

Public Works Project Descriptions Report - CTED;

Private Activity Bond Allocation Report - CTED; and

Public Health Priorities Advisory Report - Board of Health.

No Due Date:

Savings Incentive Account Report - OFM.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill is the product of work by OFM. Agencies identified reports that were not being used or could be done less frequently. These reports exist as statutory requirements so a bill was necessary to change these requirements.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Julie Murray, OFM.