
HOUSE BILL 2810

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a legislative rule-making
2 accountability committee to review proposed agency rules; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 34.05 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW
6 under the subchapter heading "rule-making procedures" to read as
7 follows:

8 (1) If an agency receives two hundred or more letters of protest,
9 including emails and form letters, regarding a proposed rule, the
10 proposed rule shall not be adopted until there has been compliance with
11 the process in this section.

12 (2) Any proposed rule receiving two hundred letters or more of
13 protest shall be reviewed by the rule-making accountability committee.

14 (3) The rule-making accountability committee shall be composed of
15 five members of each of the two largest caucuses in the house of
16 representatives, chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives,
17 and five members of each of the two largest caucuses in the senate,
18 chosen by the president of the senate. The committee shall meet

1 monthly unless there are no proposed rules in dispute, in which case it
2 need not meet.

3 (4)(a) If fifteen members vote in favor of the proposed rule, it
4 may be implemented or adopted, as appropriate.

5 (b) If the proposed rule does not receive a favorable vote by at
6 least fifteen members, then the proposed rule shall be presented to the
7 legislature in the next legislative session for a yes or a no vote.
8 Until such a vote is taken, the proposed rule shall remain suspended or
9 on hold. If the legislature takes no action, the proposed rule may not
10 be implemented or adopted.

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