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SENATE BILL 5170

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State of Washington

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By Senators Rockefeller and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to repealing chapter 385, Laws of 2005; creating a  
2 new section; and repealing RCW 43.09.430, 43.09.435, 43.09.440,  
3 43.09.445, 43.09.450, 43.09.455, 43.09.460, 43.88.162, and 2.56.200.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Washington citizens demand and deserve  
6 accountability for the performance of government programs.

7 In the 2005 legislative session, the legislature created a citizen  
8 advisory board to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability  
9 in state government. The state auditor serves as a nonvoting member of  
10 this board. The board is to develop a work plan and timeline for  
11 conducting performance audits of state government, and the state  
12 auditor is to contract out for these performance audits. This  
13 legislation became effective in July 2005.

14 In November 2005, Washington's voters approved Initiative 900,  
15 which also separately directs the state auditor to conduct independent,  
16 comprehensive performance audits of state and local government.

17 The legislature finds that these actions by the legislature and the  
18 voters created two separate statutory directives for performance

1 auditing by the state auditor. Both requirements remain in current  
2 law. This has resulted in conflicting and redundant statutory  
3 directives.

4 It is the intent of this act to repeal the citizen advisory board  
5 and related statutes enacted in the 2005 legislative session in order  
6 to remove these redundancies and conflicts, and to clarify the state  
7 auditor's role and authority for conducting performance audits.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
9 repealed:

10 (1) RCW 43.09.430 (Performance audits--Definitions) and 2005 c 385  
11 s 2;

12 (2) RCW 43.09.435 (Performance audits--Citizen advisory board) and  
13 2005 c 385 s 3;

14 (3) RCW 43.09.440 (Performance audits--Collaboration with joint  
15 legislative audit and review committee--Criteria--Statewide performance  
16 review--Contracting out--Release of audit reports) and 2005 c 385 s 5;

17 (4) RCW 43.09.445 (Performance audits--Local jurisdictions) and  
18 2005 c 385 s 6;

19 (5) RCW 43.09.450 (Performance audits--Audit of performance audit  
20 program) and 2005 c 385 s 8;

21 (6) RCW 43.09.455 (Performance audits--Follow-up and corrective  
22 action--Progress reports) and 2005 c 385 s 9;

23 (7) RCW 43.09.460 (Performance audits--Appropriation--Budget  
24 request) and 2005 c 385 s 11;

25 (8) RCW 43.88.162 (State auditor's powers and duties--Performance  
26 audits) and 2005 c 385 s 7; and

27 (9) RCW 2.56.200 (Performance audits) and 2005 c 385 s 10.

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