Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Technology, Energy & Communications Committee

HB 1122

Brief Description: Regarding the authority of the department of information services' authority to provide services to public agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives Frockt, McCoy and Kenney; by request of Department of Information Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Authorizes the Department of Information Services to provide information technology services to state and local governments located in other states.

Hearing Date: 1/25/11

Staff: Kara Durbin (786-7133).

Background:

The Department of Information Services (DIS) is a cabinet level agency that provides technology-based services to state agencies and local governments, as well as public benefit non-profit corporations, on a cost-recovery basis. Some examples of the type of services that the DIS provides include telecommunications or computer services; procurement of technology equipment through master contracts; information technology support; and other related technology-based products and services.

State agencies may procure information technology services through DIS, but are not required to do so if other alternatives are more cost effective or provide better service.

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The Department of Information Services may provide information technology services to any public agency located in this state or in other states, including units of local government. The term "public agency" is defined.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.