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Brief Description: Implementing regulatory reform.

SB 5132 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to eliminate reliance on general grants of authority, limit certain agency rule-making to those matters specifically authorized by the legislature, and that grants of rule-making authority be narrowly construed.

Revises rule-making requirements to require public education and input prior to adoption of rules.

Provides that rules adopted by certain agencies shall not be effective for more than seven years.

Requires agencies to periodically review their rules.

Revises procedures for appeals from rule adoption, amendment, or repeal.

Requires a small business economic impact statement to be prepared prior to adoption of a rule.

Provides for a legislative regulatory oversight committee.

Declares that penalties for violations of rules may be imposed only for willful violations.

Provides for the issuance of a statement of deficiency.

Abolishes all enforcement personnel positions in various state agencies and converts the positions to technical assistance personnel positions.

Provides for the award of fees and expenses where a rule is declared invalid.

Requires approval of the people at the next general election.