

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 2070

Allowing private accountants to audit school districts and towns.

Brief title

Hearing Date 2/26/99

Reps Schoelkopf and Mitt

Sponsor(s)

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State Government Committee

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BACKGROUND:

The state auditor is required to perform periodic audits of all local governments including cities, towns and school districts. The state auditor is allowed to contract with public accountants to audit local governments at the determination of the state auditor.

SUMMARY:

The state auditor is required to establish a program in which cities, towns, and school districts may contract with private certified public accountants to conduct periodic audits. Requests for a private audit must be indicated to the state auditor on a first-come, first-served basis up to a maximum of twenty percent private audits in any calendar year. For the purposes of the program, cities and towns are separate from school districts when requesting the private audit.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which it is passed.