

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. SB 5915

Removing language requiring obsolete
unwanted reports.

Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

A number of laws have been enacted requiring agencies to prepare reports. Some of these reports were one-time reports while others are on-going reports.

Legislation enacted in 1998 eliminated obsolete requirements for 240 reports to be prepared.

SUMMARY:

Requirements eliminated for a number of reports and studies.

Obsolete requirements for the following one-time reports eliminated:

- A report indicating number of sex offenders classified as Level I risk;
- The feasibility of consolidating justice services for juveniles in state facilities;
- Recommendations for training standards and delivery systems for administrators of residential care services for juveniles;
- Managed care initiatives by the Public Employees Benefit Board;
- The possible consolidation of advisory committees for the Department of Social and Health Services;
- The distribution of funds for determining allocations for community networks under the family policy council law;

- Improving bicycle and pedestrian safety;
- Police procedures for the control and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and other communicable diseases of detainees and offenders;
- Progress by the Department of Fish and Wildlife reaching a final agreement with treaty Indian tribes on the marketing of chinook and coho salmon;
- Steps taken by the Utilities and Transportation Commission implementing universal telecommunications program;
- Recommendations on salmon recovery.

Requirements for the following ~~in going~~ in going ~~are~~ are ~~eliminated~~:

- The effect of recently required steps on agencies to adopt rules;
- The amount of revenue recovered by the Department of Social and Health Services and the amount of this debt that has been written off;
- Low-level radioactive waste disposal at Hanford;
- Demonstration projects for specimen transportation;
- Implementing a set-back program for persons receiving long-term care.

Changes ~~are~~ are ~~made~~ made ~~to~~ to ~~the~~ the ~~studies~~ studies ~~and~~ and ~~reports~~ reports ~~as~~ as follows:

- The list of reductions in state revenue is from tax exemptions to be prepared every fourth year rather than every even-numbered year.
- The specification for annual quality assurance reports on child health and safety to be made is deleted.
- The annual report on attorney fees and expenses awarded by courts is retained no longer and sent to the Legislature.
- The requirement that the Housing Finance Commission submit to the Legislature a report is deleted.

The requirement that budget documents prepared by the Governor and Legislature display enrollment levels for different institutions of higher education.

FISCANOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment session which bill passed.