

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5271

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
State & Local Government, January 28, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to office of financial management reports to the legislature.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the office of financial management to report annually to the legislature on agencies' compliance with new laws and use of specific funding.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hochstatter, Gardner, McCaslin, Prentice, Long, Stevens, Zarelli, Goings, Benton, Horn, Rossi and Morton.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 1/27/99, 1/28/99 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5271 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Haugen and Horn.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** Legislators and citizens are frustrated by agencies' lack of responsiveness. Difficulties have arisen in determining how an agency either has complied with new legislation or spent moneys appropriated for specific purposes.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The Office of Financial Management, beginning December 1, 1999, must publish an annual index that reports, by subject and legislative bill number, for all session laws beginning with the 1999 session: (1) rules adopted as a result of the legislation; (2) reports and studies required by legislation; and (3) each agency's contact for tracking expenditures of money appropriated for non-ongoing programs.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill was not considered.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** No one.