

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5401

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### As Passed House - Amended:

April 4, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to the elimination of boards and commissions.

**Brief Description:** Eliminating boards and commissions.

**Sponsors:** By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson and Finkbeiner; by request of Governor Locke).

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

State Government: 3/23/01, 3/28/01 [DPA].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 4/4/01, 92-0.

### Brief Summary of Substitute Bill (As Amended by House)

- Terminates a number of state boards, councils, and commissions and some related responsibilities of these entities.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended. Signed by 8 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Romero, Democratic Co-Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Schindler, Republican Vice Chair; Haigh, Lambert, McDermott and D. Schmidt.

**Staff:** Steve Lundin (786-7127).

### Background:

The Governor and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) are required to review state boards and commissions, and in every odd-numbered year submit to the Legislature a recommended list of boards and commissions to be terminated or consolidated. During the 1995-1997 biennium, Washington had 381 boards and commissions, down from a high of 569 during the 1991-1993 biennium. Legislation was enacted in 1999 abolishing

33 boards, commissions, and committees.

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**Summary of Amended Bill:**

The following boards, councils, or commissions are abolished and related responsibilities of these entities terminated:

- Various regional advisory committees and councils for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).
- The state advisory committee to the DSHS.
- The Washington State Job Training Coordinating Council and the Washington Youthbuild program.
- The Regional Citizen's Advisory Committee under the Model Toxics Control Act.
- The Sea Urchin and Sea Cucumber Advisory Review Board.
- The Coastal Crab Advisory Review Board.
- The Ocean Pink Shrimp Advisory Review Board.
- The Shorelines Guidelines Commission.
- The Wetlands Mitigation Banking Advisory Team.
- The Commission on Legislative Building Preservation and Renovation.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the DSHS and the Department of Ecology continue appropriate public involvement and outreach programs.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This is part of an effort to streamline government. It eliminates 18 boards and commissions. Many of these boards are not functioning or only function sporadically.

**Testimony Against:** None

**Testified:** Fred Hellberg, Governor's Office; and Michelle Wilson, Manager, Productivity Board, Office of the Secretary of State.