

SSB 6354 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) In any instance where a state agency requires that a business
6 submit a document, form, or payment of a fee in paper format, the state
7 agency must provide the business an option to submit such requirement
8 electronically.

9 (2) A business may authorize a second party to meet the
10 requirements imposed by a state agency under subsection (1) of this
11 section on its behalf.

12 (3) The director of a state agency or the director's designee may
13 exempt a document, form, or payment of a fee from the requirements of
14 this section if:

15 (a)(i) There is a legal requirement for such materials to be
16 submitted in paper format; or

17 (ii) It is not technically or fiscally feasible or practical, or in
18 the best interest of businesses for such materials to be submitted
19 electronically; and

20 (b) Within existing resources, the director or the director's
21 designee establishes and maintains a process to notify the public
22 regarding such exemptions.

23 (4) Agencies must add the capability to submit existing documents,
24 forms, and fees electronically as part of their normal operations. New
25 documents, forms, and fees required of a business must be capable of
26 electronic submission within a reasonable time following either their
27 creation or the implementation of the new requirement.

28 (5) Agencies must document how they plan to transition from paper
29 to electronic forms."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that a document, form, or payment of a fee may be exempt from the requirements of the act if electronic submission is not technically or fiscally feasible or practical, or in the best interests of businesses;

(2) Requires that agencies must add the capability for electronic submissions of existing documents, forms, and fees as part of their normal operations;

(3) Requires that new documents, forms, and fees required of a business must be capable of electronic submission within a reasonable time following either their creation or the implementation of the new requirement; and

(4) Requires that agencies document how they plan to transition from paper to electronic forms.

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