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Sponsor(s): Senators Brown, Winsley and Fraser

Brief Description: Providing for sustainable state agency practices.

**SB 6361 - DIGEST**

Declares that the individual and collective actions of the present generation of Washington citizens should not jeopardize the potential of future generations of Washingtonians to experience a quality of life at least comparable to that enjoyed today. To this end all state agencies should examine and modify their programs and actions to adopt sustainable practices, and all governmental agencies and officials should assess the impacts of their decisions on both present and future generations.

Recognizes the contributions of the governor's sustainable Washington advisory panel in guiding the state toward sustainability, and specifically recognizes and adopts the panel's goal of achieving a fully sustainable Washington within one generation.

Provides that the governor shall create a sustainable Washington advisory panel. The governor may choose to continue with the panel created by the governor and in existence on the effective date of this act, modify that panel's membership, or create a new panel.

Declares that the primary task of the panel shall be to provide advice to the governor and the legislature on implementing the panel's report, "A New Path Forward: Action Plan for a Sustainable Washington."

Provides that, on or about January 1, 2005, July 1, 2005, and January 1, 2006, the panel shall provide progress reports to the governor and legislature on implementation of the action plan and other agency activities to achieve sustainable practices. The final progress report shall also include recommendations for strengthening state agency oversight and coordination to achieve the goal stated in this act.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the office of financial management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of this act.