Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Education Committee

HB 1942

Brief Description: Reclassifying the state board of education as a class four group.

Sponsors: Representatives Quall, P. Sullivan and Talcott; by request of State Board of Education.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Permits the members of the State Board of Education to receive up to \$100 per day, rather than \$50, for every day that the board meets or works on statutory duties. The money is in addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances.

Hearing Date: 2/23/05

Staff: Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

Background:

Part-time state boards and commissions are divided into five groups based primarily on the duties and functions of the board or commission. The State Board of Education is currently a class three group. Class three groups have rule-making authority, perform quasi-judicial functions, and have responsibility for the policy direction of a state agency or program or regulate and or adopt licensing requirements for professions, occupations, businesses, or industries. In addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances, members of a class three group may receive up to \$50 a day when attending an official meeting or performing statutory duties approved by the chair of the organization.

Class four groups perform most of the same functions as the class three groups, however, the duties of the class four groups are considered to be of "overriding sensitivity and importance to the public welfare and the operation of state government." Usually, a class four group meets more than 100 hours a year. In addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances, members of a class four group may receive up to \$100 a day when attending an official meeting or performing statutory duties approved by the chair of the organization.

Summary of Bill:

The State Board of Education is changed from a class three group to a class four group for the purpose of determining the compensation level paid to board members.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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