

**SB 5170 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) In the 2005 legislative session, the legislature created a citizen advisory board to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in state government. The state auditor serves as a nonvoting member of this board. The board is to develop a work plan and timeline for conducting performance audits of state government, and the state auditor is to contract out for these performance audits. That legislation became effective in July 2005. In November 2005, Washington's voters approved Initiative 900, which also separately directs the state auditor to conduct independent, comprehensive performance audits of state and local government; and

(2) These actions by the legislature and the voters created two separate statutory directives for performance auditing by the state auditor. Both requirements remain in current law and this has resulted in conflicting and redundant statutory directives.

Declares an intent to repeal the citizen advisory board and related statutes enacted in the 2005 legislative session in order to remove these redundancies and conflicts, and to clarify the state auditor's role and authority for conducting performance audits.