

ESSB 6078 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Capital Budget

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that: The
4 state's natural resources agencies have faced significant budget
5 reductions, including administrative reductions, as a result of the
6 great economic challenges faced by the state in recent years; these
7 reductions have required the natural resources agencies to explore
8 potential efficiencies, and resulted in the beginnings of increased
9 collaboration among the agencies; and the state will benefit from
10 continued progress achieving efficiencies in and increased
11 collaboration among the natural resources agencies.

12 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish an ongoing and
13 collaborative process for the natural resources agencies to identify,
14 analyze, and, where appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve
15 efficiencies in or improve the effectiveness of natural resources
16 agency operations and resource management.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The natural resources agencies shall, in
18 consultation with the office of financial management, develop and
19 effectuate an ongoing process to identify, analyze, and, where
20 appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
21 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management.

22 (2) Process outcomes: In developing and effectuating this process,
23 the agencies shall identify and document significant examples of
24 interagency collaboration, office or facility colocation, and sharing
25 or consolidation of administrative functions.

26 (3) Interagency collaboration:

27 (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall
28 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
29 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management

1 through actions such as interagency collaboration, sharing or
2 consolidation of administrative functions, and other relevant actions
3 identified by the agencies.

4 (b) The agencies shall implement those actions that are consistent
5 with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and reasonably practicable,
6 as determined by the agencies.

7 (4) Office and facility colocation:

8 (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall
9 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
10 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management
11 through the colocation of offices and facilities.

12 (b) In identifying opportunities for analysis, the agencies shall
13 consider current and future opportunities for colocation resulting from
14 circumstances such as an existing or anticipated office or facility
15 vacancy, lease expiration, or the presence of multiple offices or
16 facilities in a particular geographic area. The agencies may also
17 consider opportunities for colocation with appropriate entities other
18 than natural resources agencies.

19 (c) The agencies shall implement those colocation opportunities
20 that are consistent with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and
21 reasonably practicable, as determined by the agencies and consistent
22 with RCW 43.82.010. The agencies shall seek to align the
23 implementation of this subsection with the development and
24 implementation of the six-year facility plan required under RCW
25 43.82.055 wherever possible in order to promote efficiencies. The
26 office of financial management may exercise the authority provided
27 under section 3 of this act regarding colocation opportunities.

28 (5) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies must
29 provide a structure for and maintain regular communication. Each
30 agency must participate in the development and effectuation of the
31 process in a collaborative and, as appropriate, active manner.

32 (6) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036, the agencies must collectively
33 submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the senate
34 and house of representatives by September 1st of each year. The report
35 must include an update on the process required under this section,
36 opportunities identified and analyzed under the process, outcomes
37 resulting from the process, and any budget or legislative
38 recommendations.

1 (7) For the purposes of this section, the terms "agency" and
2 "natural resources agency" includes the department of agriculture, the
3 department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, the
4 department of natural resources, the recreation and conservation
5 office, the Puget Sound partnership, the state conservation commission,
6 and the state parks and recreation commission.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The office of financial management may
8 identify colocation opportunities for analysis by the agencies under
9 section 2(4) of this act.

10 (2) If the agencies determine that a colocation opportunity does
11 not meet the criteria for implementation under section 2(4) of this
12 act, the office of financial management shall review that
13 determination. The director of the office of financial management may
14 require the agencies to reconsider the initial determination if the
15 director determines that the opportunity: Meets the criteria for
16 implementation under section 2(4) of this act; would result in
17 significant cost savings or efficiencies; and is in the best interest
18 of the state. If the agencies and the director disagree following
19 reconsideration, the decision shall be forwarded to the joint
20 legislative audit and review committee for a final determination.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that the process
22 required under section 2 of this act consists of a series of activities
23 that are an inherent part of efficient and effective natural resource
24 agency management, and must be conducted within existing resources.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act constitute a
26 new chapter in Title 43 RCW."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes authority of the director of the office of
financial management to implement colocation opportunities; final
determinations will be made by the joint legislative audit and review
committee if agencies and the office of financial management cannot
agree on the colocation opportunity.

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