

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5804

As Passed Senate, March 8, 2013

Title: An act relating to federal receipts reporting requirements.

Brief Description: Addressing federal receipts reporting requirements.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Baumgartner and Hill).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/21/13, 2/28/13 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 3/08/13, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5804 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hill, Chair; Baumgartner, Vice Chair; Honeyford, Capital Budget Chair; Hargrove, Ranking Member; Nelson, Assistant Ranking Member; Bailey, Becker, Braun, Conway, Dammeier, Fraser, Hasegawa, Hatfield, Hewitt, Keiser, Padden, Parlette, Ranker, Rivers, Schoesler and Tom.

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: State agencies administer funds allocated to the state by the federal government for a variety of programs, both as one-time grants and as on-going matching funds for federal programs administered by the state. State agencies may be authorized to expend federal funds either by an appropriation from the Legislature or by the unanticipated receipts process, where an agency receives approval from the Office of Financial Management to expend federal funds that were received by the agency while the Legislature is not in session.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Health, the Health Care Authority, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Early Learning, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction must prepare a biennial report on the amount of federal funds received and expended by the agency, and the percentage that the federal funds represents of the overall agency budget. The designated agencies must also

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develop contingency plans that reflect both a 5 percent and a 25 percent reduction in federal funding. The report must be submitted as part of the agencies' biennial budget request documents.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This is a be prepared bill. Sequestration and other budget reductions at the federal level can have significant impacts on state programs and the delivery of services in Washington. This information will help the legislative and executive branches be better prepared for fluctuations in federal spending levels.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Baumgartner, prime sponsor.