
HOUSE BILL 2205

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2015 Regular Session

By Representatives Young, G. Hunt, Shea, Taylor, Scott, Condotta, McCaslin, and Wilson

Read first time 03/24/15. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1 AN ACT Relating to reporting agreements between state agencies
2 and the federal government; adding a new section to chapter 43.88
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature is responsible for the
6 oversight and control of the state budget as it applies to the
7 various state agencies. The legislature finds that state agencies
8 regularly enter into a wide variety of agreements with the federal
9 government, requiring the commitment of state resources, but that are
10 neither reviewed nor expressly approved by the legislature.
11 Accordingly, a statutory mechanism is needed to provide the
12 legislature with comprehensive information regarding these federal
13 agreements in order to enable the legislature to monitor and evaluate
14 the budgetary and fiscal impacts of the agreements, as well as their
15 policy implications. This act provides a statutory framework for
16 ongoing legislative oversight of the agreements between state
17 agencies and the federal government and will thus enable the
18 legislature to better exercise its authority to review and control
19 the expenditure of state resources.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) On or before November 1, 2015, and not later than November
4 1st each year thereafter, each state agency shall submit a written
5 report to the speaker and minority leader of the Washington house of
6 representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Washington
7 senate, and the governor, providing a comprehensive, detailed
8 description of every agreement between the agency and the federal
9 government. At minimum, the report must contain the following
10 information:

11 (a) The type of agreement, including a comprehensive description
12 of its contents;

13 (b) The purposes, goals, and public benefits to be derived from
14 the agreement;

15 (c) A detailed description, including the dollar amounts, of any
16 grants, funds, revenues, or fiscal impacts likely to result from the
17 agreement;

18 (d) The identification of the specific statute, rule, or
19 constitutional provision providing the legal basis for the agreement;

20 (e) The identification of the specific agencies, both state and
21 federal, entering into the agreement; and

22 (f) The identification of every state officer, employee, or other
23 state agent participating in the creation, negotiation, or approval
24 of the agreement.

25 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
26 section.

27 (a) "Agency" means and includes every state office, officer, and
28 employee, and every institution, department, board, and commission.

29 (b) "Agreement" means any contract, agreement, memorandum of
30 understanding, or other arrangement between a state agency and the
31 federal government that requires an agency or other state
32 governmental entity to take action or otherwise expend state
33 resources in order to comply with the terms of the agreement.

34 (3) This section applies to all agreements in effect as of the
35 effective date of this section and to all agreements entered into or
36 renewed on or after July 1, 2015.

--- END ---