

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5310

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Correcting agency names and accounts in statutes to reflect the organizational structure, duties, and responsibilities of the office of financial management.

Sponsors: Senator Hunt; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections
House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Consolidated Technology Services. The Legislature established the Consolidated Technology Services (CTS) agency, most commonly referred to as WaTech, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in 2011. OCIO prepares a state strategic information technology (IT) plan that includes a statewide mission, goals, and objectives for the use of IT, including goals for electronic access to government records, information, and services. In 2015 the IT functions of the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) transferred to WaTech, including the administration of the central personnel-payroll system.

Office of Financial Management. The Office of Financial Management (OFM), originally named the Office of Program Planning and Fiscal Management, was created in 1969 as a division of the Office of the Governor, to integrate the short- and long-term planning and fiscal activities of state government. Throughout its existence, the Legislature has assigned OFM various statutory functions, including state human resources.

Under the Civil Service Reform Act of 2002, the authority to adopt civil service rules, including rules pertaining to job classifications and layoff criteria, were transferred from the Washington Personnel Resource Board (Board) to the Human Resources Director.

Accounts. In 2015, the Data Processing Revolving Account (DPR Account), managed by DES, was replaced with four IT revolving accounts — CTS Revolving Account, statewide IT System Development Revolving Account, statewide IT System Maintenance and Operations Revolving Account, and shared IT System Revolving Account — and the residual balance of funds remaining in the DPR Account were apportioned to those accounts. The statewide IT System Development Revolving Account is an appropriated account for developing and acquiring enterprise IT systems managed by OFM.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The Personnel Services Fund is an internal service fund used to support provisions of various personnel related services and programs. Examples of programs or services include statewide personnel administration as well as training and recruitment. The account is appropriated. By statute, only OFM is authorized to expend from the account.

Summary: OFM, rather than CTS, is authorized to administer, maintain and operate the central personnel-payroll system.

References to the DPR Account no longer used by the state are removed. OFM is authorized to use the Statewide IT System Maintenance and Operations Revolving Account to facilitate proper and equitable distribution of costs to state agencies.

References under the statute are updated to reflect the change in civil service authority, moving the authority from the Board to the state Human Resources director under OFM.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	96	1

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