
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6303

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Quigley, Haugen, Snyder, McAuliffe, Roach, Franklin, McDonald, Hargrove, Pelz, Bauer, Wojahn, Williams, Prentice, Sheldon, Loveland, Skratek, Owen, Ludwig, Sutherland, A. Smith, Winsley, Spanel, West, Moyer, Vognild, M. Rasmussen, Oke, Anderson and Drew)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the termination of state boards and commissions;
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; creating new sections;
3 providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that there has been
6 an excessive proliferation of boards and commissions within state
7 government. These boards and commissions are often created without
8 legislative review or input and without an assessment of whether there
9 is a resulting duplication of purpose or process. Once created, they
10 frequently duplicate the duties of existing governmental entities,
11 create additional expense, and obscure responsibility. It has been
12 difficult to control the growth of boards and commissions because of
13 the many special interests involved. Accordingly, the legislature
14 establishes the process in this chapter to eliminate redundant and
15 obsolete boards and commissions and to restrict the establishment of
16 new boards and commissions.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The governor shall conduct a review of
18 all of the boards and commissions identified under section 4 of this

1 act and, by January 1, 1995, submit to the legislature a report
2 recommending which boards and commissions should be terminated or
3 consolidated based upon the criteria set forth in subsection (3) of
4 this section. The report must state which of the criteria were relied
5 upon with respect to each recommendation. At least one hundred eight
6 boards and commissions identified under section 4 of this act shall be
7 recommended for termination. The one hundred eight boards shall be
8 selected from those boards and commissions identified in section 4 of
9 this act. Any boards or commissions terminated or consolidated as a
10 result of legislation enacted in 1994 shall be included in the total.
11 The governor shall submit an executive request bill by January 10,
12 1995, to implement the recommendations by expressly terminating at
13 least one hundred eight boards and commissions and by providing for the
14 transfer of duties and obligations under this section.

15 (2) In addition to terminations and consolidations under subsection
16 (1) of this section, the governor may recommend the transfer of duties
17 and obligations from a board or commission to another existing state
18 entity.

19 (3) In preparing his or her report and legislation, the governor
20 shall make an evaluation based upon its answers to the questions set
21 forth in this subsection. The governor shall give these criteria
22 priority in the order listed.

23 (a) Has the mission of the board or commission been completed or
24 ceased to be critical to effective state government?

25 (b) Does the work of the board or commission directly affect public
26 safety, welfare, or health?

27 (c) Can the work of the board or commission be effectively done by
28 another state agency without adverse impact on public safety, welfare,
29 or health?

30 (d) Will termination of the board or commission have a significant
31 adverse impact on state revenue because of loss of federal funds?

32 (e) Will termination of the board or commission save revenues, be
33 cost neutral, or result in greater expenditures?

34 (f) Is the work of the board or commission being done by another
35 board, commission, or state agency?

36 (g) Could the work of the board or commission be effectively done
37 by a nonpublic entity?

38 (h) Will termination of the board or commission result in a
39 significant loss of expertise to state government?

1 (i) Will termination of the board or commission result in
2 operational efficiencies that are other than fiscal in nature?

3 (j) Could the work of the board or commission be done by an ad hoc
4 committee?

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature shall consider and enact or
6 not enact the legislation requested by the governor under section 2 of
7 this act in accordance with the rules of each house, except that either
8 house of the legislature may not add to or delete from the list of
9 boards and commissions as requested by the governor unless done so by
10 a unanimous vote of the members voting. The legislature may adopt such
11 technical amendments as are necessary by a majority vote.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The boards and commissions to be reviewed by
13 the governor must be all entities that are required to be included in
14 the list prepared by the office of financial management under RCW
15 43.88.505, excepting entities established under: Constitutional
16 mandate; court order or rule; requirement of federal law; or
17 requirement as a condition of the state or a local government receiving
18 federal financial assistance if, in the judgment of the governor, no
19 other state agency, board, or commission would satisfy the requirement.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) A new board or commission not established or required in
23 statute that must be included in the report required by RCW 43.88.505
24 may not be established between the effective date of this section and
25 December 31, 1997, without the express approval of the director of
26 financial management. The director shall, before the first Monday of
27 January each year, submit to the legislature a list of those boards and
28 commissions that were requested for approval and those that were
29 approved during the preceding calendar year.

30 (2) Effective July 1, 1995, the total number of boards and
31 commissions approved by the director of financial management may not
32 exceed the difference between the number of boards and commissions
33 terminated under section 2 of this act and any boards and commissions
34 created by the legislature.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 When acting on a request to establish a new board or commission
4 under section 5 of this act, the director of the office of financial
5 management shall consider the following criteria giving priority in the
6 order listed:

7 (1) If approval is critical to public safety, health, or welfare or
8 to the effectiveness of state government;

9 (2) If approval will not result in duplication of the work or
10 responsibilities of another governmental agency;

11 (3) If approval will not have a significant impact on state
12 revenues;

13 (4) If approval is for a limited duration or on an ad hoc basis;

14 (5) If the work of the board or commission could be effectively
15 done by a nonpublic entity;

16 (6) If approval will result in significant enhancement of expertise
17 in state government; and

18 (7) If approval will result in operational efficiencies other than
19 fiscal savings.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
21 repealed:

22 (1) Section 2 of this act;

23 (2) Section 3 of this act; and

24 (3) Section 4 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
26 repealed:

27 (1) Section 1 of this act;

28 (2) Section 5 of this act; and

29 (3) Section 6 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) Sections 1 through 6 of this act are
31 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,

1 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
2 institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

3 (2) Section 7 of this act shall take effect December 31, 1995.

4 (3) Section 8 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1997.

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