
SENATE BILL 6500

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By Senators Brown and Rossi; by request of Department of Information Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing information services to public benefit
2 nonprofit corporations; amending RCW 43.105.052; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 39.24 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.105.052 and 1999 c 80 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department shall:

8 (1) Perform all duties and responsibilities the board delegates to
9 the department, including but not limited to:

10 (a) The review of agency information technology portfolios and
11 related requests; and

12 (b) Implementation of state-wide and interagency policies,
13 standards, and guidelines;

14 (2) Make available information services to state agencies and local
15 governments and public benefit nonprofit corporations on a full cost-
16 recovery basis. For the purposes of this section "public benefit
17 nonprofit corporation" means a public benefit nonprofit corporation as
18 defined in RCW 24.03.005 that is receiving local, state, or federal
19 funds either directly or through a public agency other than an Indian

1 tribe or political subdivision of another state. These services may
2 include, but are not limited to:

3 (a) Telecommunications services for voice, data, and video;

4 (b) Mainframe computing services;

5 (c) Support for departmental and microcomputer evaluation,
6 installation, and use;

7 (d) Equipment acquisition assistance, including leasing, brokering,
8 and establishing master contracts;

9 (e) Facilities management services for information technology
10 equipment, equipment repair, and maintenance service;

11 (f) Negotiation with local cable companies and local governments to
12 provide for connection to local cable services to allow for access to
13 these public and educational channels in the state;

14 (g) Office automation services;

15 (h) System development services; and

16 (i) Training.

17 These services are for discretionary use by customers and customers
18 may elect other alternatives for service if those alternatives are more
19 cost-effective or provide better service. Agencies may be required to
20 use the backbone network portions of the telecommunications services
21 during an initial start-up period not to exceed three years;

22 (3) Establish rates and fees for services provided by the
23 department to assure that the services component of the department is
24 self-supporting. A billing rate plan shall be developed for a two-year
25 period to coincide with the budgeting process. The rate plan shall be
26 subject to review at least annually by the customer advisory board.
27 The rate plan shall show the proposed rates by each cost center and
28 will show the components of the rate structure as mutually determined
29 by the department and the customer advisory board. The same rate
30 structure will apply to all user agencies of each cost center. The
31 rate plan and any adjustments to rates shall be approved by the office
32 of financial management. The services component shall not subsidize
33 the operations of the strategic planning and policy component;

34 (4) With the advice of the information services board and agencies,
35 develop a state strategic information technology plan and performance
36 reports as required under RCW 43.105.160;

37 (5) Develop plans for the department's achievement of state-wide
38 goals and objectives set forth in the state strategic information
39 technology plan required under RCW 43.105.160. These plans shall

1 address such services as telecommunications, central and distributed
2 computing, local area networks, office automation, and end user
3 computing. The department shall seek the advice of the customer
4 advisory board and the board in the development of these plans;

5 (6) Under direction of the information services board and in
6 collaboration with the department of personnel, and other agencies as
7 may be appropriate, develop training plans and coordinate training
8 programs that are responsive to the needs of agencies;

9 (7) Identify opportunities for the effective use of information
10 services and coordinate appropriate responses to those opportunities;

11 (8) Assess agencies' projects, acquisitions, plans, information
12 technology portfolios, or overall information processing performance as
13 requested by the board, agencies, the director of financial management,
14 or the legislature. Agencies may be required to reimburse the
15 department for agency-requested reviews;

16 (9) Develop planning, budgeting, and expenditure reporting
17 requirements, in conjunction with the office of financial management,
18 for agencies to follow;

19 (10) Assist the office of financial management with budgetary and
20 policy review of agency plans for information services;

21 (11) Provide staff support from the strategic planning and policy
22 component to the board for:

23 (a) Meeting preparation, notices, and minutes;

24 (b) Promulgation of policies, standards, and guidelines adopted by
25 the board;

26 (c) Supervision of studies and reports requested by the board;

27 (d) Conducting reviews and assessments as directed by the board;

28 (12) Be the lead agency in coordinating video telecommunications
29 services for all state agencies and develop, pursuant to board
30 policies, standards and common specifications for leased and purchased
31 telecommunications equipment. The department shall not evaluate the
32 merits of school curriculum, higher education course offerings, or
33 other education and training programs proposed for transmission and/or
34 reception using video telecommunications resources. Nothing in this
35 section shall abrogate or abridge the legal responsibilities of
36 licensees of telecommunications facilities as licensed by the federal
37 communication commission on March 27, 1990; and

38 (13) Perform all other matters and things necessary to carry out
39 the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 39.24 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) In acquiring information technology services, a public agency
4 as defined in RCW 39.34.020 may grant a preference to persons engaged
5 in a rural county in the business of providing information technology
6 services to third parties.

7 (2) As used in this section, "rural county" means a county with a
8 population density of less than one hundred persons per square mile as
9 determined by the office of financial management and published each
10 year by the department of revenue for the period July 1st to June 30th.

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