Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Technology, Telecommunications & Energy Committee

HB 1360

Brief Description: Changing membership on the information services board.

Sponsors: Representatives Ruderman and Anderson.

Brief Summary of Bill

· Adds the administrator of the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee to the Information Services Board.

Hearing Date: 2/4/03

Staff: Pam Madson (786-7166).

Background:

The Information Services Board develops policy and standards for the planning and acquisition of information technology projects within state government. The Board has15 members that include representatives of executive branch agencies, education, higher education, the private sector, and the judicial and legislative branches of government. Eight members are appointed by the Governor. Four legislative members, two members from the Senate and two members from the House of Representatives, are appointed by the president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House respectively. The judicial representative is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. One member is appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The director of the Department of Information Services also serves as a voting member.

The Board is charged with the following duties:

- · To develop standards that govern the acquisition, disposition, and maintenance of equipment, proprietary software, and purchased services. State agencies acquire and manage information technology resources according to the standards set by the board;
- To review and approve standards and common specifications for new or expended telecommunications networks proposed by agencies and public education providers;
- To establish technical standards to promote and facilitate electronic sharing of information

and access to information; and

• To oversee the technical design and implementation of the K-20 network in consultation with the K-20 Board.

The Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee is a bipartisan committee of eight legislators that provides the Legislature and the budget committees with independent information and technology to write, analyze, and communicate budget information.

Summary of Bill:

Membership of the Information Services Board is increased to 16 members. The administrator of the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee is added to the Board as a non-voting member. A quorum for the Board to conduct business remains at a majority of the 15 voting members.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.