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Sponsor(s): Representative Sullivan

Brief Description: Requiring an independent audit of state government.

HB 2717 - DIGEST

Directs the state auditor to contract for a performance audit of the executive branch of state government.

Requires the performance audit to include an examination of the efficiency and effectiveness of major management policies, practices, and functions across all executive branch agencies.

Requires the state auditor to report the results of the audit to the legislature by September 1, 2005. Findings and recommendations, to the extent practicable, shall be quantified in terms of cost and benefit. The report shall also include identification of and recommendations for best practices.

Establishes a joint committee on government reform.

Requires the committee to: (1) Hold four public hearings in different geographic areas across the state to receive public input regarding the audit;

(2) Develop legislation, as appropriate, based on the findings and recommendations of the audit and public comment.

(3) Terminate December 31, 2006.

Appropriates the sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund to the state auditor to carry out the purposes of this act.