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Sponsor(s): Representatives Linville and Rockefeller

Brief Description: Focusing the state budgeting process on outcomes and priorities.

HB 3080 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that the incorporation of agency missions, goals, and objectives into the state budgeting process has not produced a sufficient focus on outcomes, as opposed to mere outputs.

Declares an intent to refocus the state budgeting process on whether state agencies are producing real results that reflect the purposes of statutory programs. Specifically, budget managers and the legislature must have the data to determine that agencies are using taxpayer funding to move toward objectives that produce the intended public benefit. This data must be supplied in an impartial, quantifiable form, yet it must be more than mere statistics that do not demonstrate progress toward intended goals.

Declares that, with a renewed focus on achieving true objectives, state agencies, the office of financial management, and the legislature will be able to prioritize state resources among their most efficient uses.

Provides that, for agencies headed by gubernatorial appointees, the office of financial management shall quarterly conduct reviews of selected agencies to analyze whether the objectives and measurements submitted by agencies demonstrate progress toward the agencies' mission and goals.

Provides that, for agencies headed by commissions or separately elected officials, the commission or official shall conduct quarterly reviews of selected agencies to analyze whether the objectives and measurements submitted by agencies demonstrate progress toward the agencies' mission and goals.

Provides that, where a review under this act or other analysis determines that the agency's objectives demonstrate that the agency is making insufficient progress toward the goals of any particular program or is otherwise underachieving or inefficient, the agency's budget request shall contain proposals to remedy or improve the program.

Provides that, in reviewing agency budget requests in order to prepare the governor's budget request, the office of financial management shall consider the extent to which the agency's objectives demonstrate progress toward the agency's mission and goals, along with any specific review conducted under this act. If the agency's objectives demonstrate that the agency is making insufficient progress toward the goals of any particular program or is otherwise underachieving or inefficient, the office of financial management shall propose remedies or improvements.

Requires the governor's operating budget document or documents to reflect agency goals, objectives, and outcomes as required by RCW 43.88.090.

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to contain proposals to remedy or improve programs that are determined to be underachieving or inefficient as determined by the analysis of agency goals, objectives, and outcomes required by RCW 43.88.090.