
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 1052

Brief Description: Modifying the legislative youth advisory council.

Sponsors: Representatives Upthegrove, Hudgins, Pedersen, P. Sullivan, Wallace and Morris.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides for the appointment of four legislature members;
- Lowers the age of participation from 14 years to 12 years;
- Allows for soliciting and accepting of grants and donations to support the activities of the council; and
- Removes the expiration date.

Hearing Date: 1/16/07

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

In 2005, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (Council) was established to examine issues of importance to youth, including education, employment, civic engagement, and health. The Council has 22 members and members must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years.

Duties of the Council consist of advising the Legislature on legislation, policy and budget matters relating to youth; advising standing committees, commissions and task forces on issues related to youth; conducting periodic seminars for its members on leadership, government, and the Legislature; and submitting annual reports to the Legislature with any recommendations for legislation. The Council meets between three and six times a year.

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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction administers the program. The program expires June 30, 2007.

Summary of Bill:

Four legislative members shall serve on the council in an advisory capacity. Two members are appointed by the President of the Senate, and two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Council is authorized to solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private sources to support the activities of the council. The minimum age requirement for participation on the Council is changed from 14 to 12 years. The expiration date is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.