

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESB 5995

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Eliminating certain boards, committees, and commissions and the transfer of certain duties.

**Sponsors:** Senators Pridemore, Schoesler and Honeyford; by request of Governor Gregoire.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**  
**House Committee on Ways & Means**

**Background:** Boards, commissions, councils, and advisory committees (boards) fill a variety of roles. For example, some are responsible for licensing various activities, while others advise state agencies in matters ranging from procedure to technology. Often boards are created as a requirement for a federal grant. Some boards receive staff support from an agency. Members of some boards receive travel compensation and reimbursement from an agency.

Boards can be created in four ways:

1. by general statute giving an agency authority to create a board for one or more purposes;
2. by specific statute naming the board as well as its purpose, powers, and duties;
3. by executive order of the Governor; or
4. by order of the Supreme Court.

On December 16, 2008, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) released the revised version of a report entitled "Review of Boards and Commissions: Pre-Audit." The JLARC report identified 470 boards and commissions currently operating, or not known to have been disbanded.

By January 8 of every odd-numbered year, the Governor must submit to the Legislature a report recommending which boards and commissions should be terminated or consolidated. The report must include executive request legislation implementing the recommendations of the report.

**Summary:**

- The intent of the Legislature is to identify criteria to evaluate advisory boards, committees, and commissions that may be eliminated or consolidated.

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- The requirement directing the Governor to develop recommendations to the Legislature regarding the suspension and termination of other boards and commissions is removed.
- The following boards, commissions, and committees are eliminated:
  - The Acupuncture Ad Hoc Committee;
  - Adult Family Home Advisory Committee;
  - Boarding Home Advisory Committee;
  - Citizens' Work Group on Health Care Reform;
  - Displaced Homemaker Program Statewide Advisory Committee;
  - Foster Care Endowed Scholarship Advisory Board;
  - Higher Education Coordinating Board Work Study Advisory Committee;
  - Model Toxics Control Act Science Advisory Board;
  - Oil Heat Advisory Committee;
  - Organized Crime Advisory Board;
  - Oversight Committee on Character-Building Residential Services in Prisons;
  - Parks Centennial Advisory Committee;
  - Prescription Drug Purchasing Consortium Advisory Commission;
  - Radiologic Technologists Ad Hoc Committee;
  - Risk Management Advisory Committee;
  - Securities Advisory Committee;
  - Sexual Offender Treatment Providers Advisory Committee; and
  - Vendor Rates Advisory Committee.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0	
House	95	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	2	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** June 30, 2009