Capital Budget Committee

HB 1064

Brief Description: Eliminating the expiration of the interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement team.

Sponsors: Representatives Abbarno, Tharinger, Steele, Pollet, Rude, Ryu, Waters, Hackney, Low, Springer, Callan, Leavitt, Timmons, Wylie and Scott; by request of Public Works Board.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes the June 30, 2025, expiration date for the Interagency, Multijurisdictional System Improvement Team.
- Requires a biennial report beginning in 2026.

Hearing Date: 1/30/25

Staff: Dawn Eychaner (786-7135).

Background:

An interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement team (Team) was established in 2017 to identify, implement, and report on system improvements for investing in infrastructure projects, including optimizing federal and private infrastructure funding and evaluating the needed capacity in communities for designing, financing, and building projects to meet communities' long-term needs as well as minimizing project costs.

The membership of the Team consists of representatives of state infrastructure programs that provide funding for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and broadband programs. Represented funding programs include the Public Works Board; the Departments of Ecology, Health, and Commerce; and others. Originally set to expire June 30, 2021, the Team's

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expiration date was extended, in 2021, to June 30, 2025.

Summary of Bill:

The Interagency, Multijurisdictional System Improvement Team is made permanent. A biennial report to the legislature is required beginning November 1, 2026.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 20, 2025.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on June 30, 2025