

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5049

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As of January 23, 2025

**Title:** An act relating to the public records exemptions accountability committee.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the public records exemptions accountability committee.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wilson, J., McCune and Fortunato.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections: 1/24/25.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Modifies the quarterly meeting requirement of the Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee to require four meetings annually.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Danielle Creech (786-7412)

**Background:** The Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (committee), commonly referred to as the Sunshine Committee, is tasked with reviewing statutory exemptions from public disclosure. Under current law, the 13-member committee must conduct an annual review of each public disclosure exemption in statute, and provide a recommendation as to whether the exemption should be continued without modification, modified, scheduled for sunset review at a later date, or terminated. The committee must meet at least once per quarter and present its recommendations to the Governor, attorney general, and appropriate committees of the Legislature.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

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**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** The requirement of the sunshine committee to meet at least once quarterly is adjusted to require at least four meetings annually.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.