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**General Government & Information  
Technology Committee**

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**SSB 5073**

**Brief Description:** Concerning nonsubstantive updates and realignments of the statutory responsibilities of the office of financial management.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Roach and Liias; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Transfers certain duties of the Office of Financial Management to the departments of Transportation and Enterprise Services.
- Requires the Office of Financial Management to establish and enforce policies and workplace strategies that promote the efficient use of state facilities.
- Makes technical changes.

**Hearing Date:** 3/24/15

**Staff:** Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

**Background:**

In addition to its budget and accounting responsibilities, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) has other statutory duties, including:

- maintaining an inventory system of owned and leased facilities used by state government and submitting a plan every two years regarding the space requirements for state agencies;
- developing and maintaining a system of internal controls and internal audits for use by state agencies;
- establishing objectives and performance measures for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for policy goals relating to the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the state's transportation system;

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- contracting for a salary survey for purposes of collective bargaining and arbitration for DOT ferry employees;
- completion of a yearly government management and accountability performance report of the ferry system;
- payment of assessments levied to state-owned lands under certain circumstances;
- establishing policies for the acquisition, operation, use, maintenance, and disposal of all motor vehicles owned by the state;
- developing and maintaining of an inventory of state land resources; and
- appointing loss prevention review teams and reporting of team findings.

**Summary of Bill:**

The OFM must establish and enforce policies and workplace strategies that promote the efficient use of state facilities. The facilities inventory must be updated by all agencies, departments, board, commissions, and institutions by June 30th of each year.

Each agency head or authorized designee in an agency that meets risk-based criteria as developed by OFM must establish and maintain internal audits that meet professional audit standards.

The OFM duties for establishing and reporting objectives and performance measures relating to the planning, operation, performance of and investment in the state's transportation system and completing the yearly government management and accountability performance report of the ferry system are transferred to the DOT.

The required salary survey for collective bargaining and arbitration purposes for DOT ferry employees is no longer required to be contracted out.

The requirement that a property assessment be paid by OFM instead of the state agency being charged the property assessment is removed so that the state agency pays the property assessment directly.

Duties associated with establishing policies for the acquisition, operation, use, maintenance, and disposal of all motor vehicles owned by the state; developing and maintaining of an inventory of state land resources; and appointing loss prevention review teams and reporting of team findings are transferred to the Department of Enterprise Services.

Obsolete references to community networks are repealed. References to the Human Resources Director are amended to refer to the Director of OFM.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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