

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1618

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
State Government

**Title:** An act relating to terminating defunct boards, commissions, and committees.

**Brief Description:** Terminating defunct boards, commissions, and committees.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Shin, Wood, Forner, Pruitt, Sheldon, Brough, Ballasiotes, Brumsickle, Carlson, Vance, Jones, Foreman, Padden, Fuhrman, Sheahan, Schoesler, Miller, Campbell, Casada, Long, Jacobsen, Stevens, Linville, Kremen, Silver, Finkbeiner, Morton, Talcott, Horn, Sehlin, Tate, Van Luven and Anderson.

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT**

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Anderson, Chair; Veloria, Vice Chair; Reams, Ranking Minority Member; Vance, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Conway; King; and Pruitt.

**Staff:** Bonnie Austin (786-7135).

**Background:** The Agricultural Labor Advisory Committee was created in 1989, to develop recommendations on labor standards for the employment of minors in agriculture. The recommendations were developed and the Department of Labor and Industries has adopted rules implementing the recommendations. The committee is now inactive.

The Business License Center Board of Review was created to provide policy direction to the Department of Licensing in establishing and operating the business registration and licensing system. The board has been inactive since the late 1980s.

The Columbia Interstate Compact Commission was created in 1965 to negotiate an interstate compact with Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming on the use of water in the Columbia River and its tributaries. No agreement was

reached, and the commission has been inactive for over a decade.

The Economic Development Board was created to develop a long-term economic development plan to spur new job creation and investment, consistent with preserving the state's environment and quality of life. The plan, Washington Works Worldwide, was completed in 1988 and the board has been inactive since 1990.

The Joint Select Sunset Review Committee was created in 1977, to monitor and modify the schedule of sunset reviews conducted by the Legislative Budget Committee. The Sunset Review Committee has not met since the late 1980s.

The Energy Strategy Advisory Committee was created in 1991 to develop a state energy strategy. Their final report has been submitted to the Legislature and the committee is no longer meeting.

**Summary of Bill:** The following defunct boards, commissions, and committees are repealed: The Agricultural Labor Advisory Committee; the Business License Center Board of Review; the Columbia Interstate Compact Commission; the Economic Development Board; the Joint Select Sunset Review Committee; and the Energy Strategy Advisory Committee.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This is a statute clean-up bill. These boards, committees, and commissions are no longer meeting. This type of bill should be introduced every year.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Representative Paull H. Shin, Sponsor (pro).