

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1910

As Reported By House Committee On:
Capital Budget

Title: An act relating to creating an inventory system for state-owned or leased facilities.

Brief Description: Creating an inventory system for state-owned or leased facilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Silver, Wang, Sommers, Brough, Mielke, Foreman, Dyer, Brumsickle, Long, Edmondson, Horn, Casada, Wood, Flemming, Morton, Miller, Cooke, Forner and Anderson.

Brief History:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 15 members: Representatives Wang, Chair; Ogden, Vice Chair; Sehlin, Ranking Minority Member; Morton, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Eide; R. Fisher; Heavey; Jacobsen; Jones; Ludwig; Romero; Silver; Sommers; and Thomas.

Staff: Karl Herzog (786-7271).

Background: The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is the executive branch agency responsible for state budget planning and administration. OFM maintains a statewide accounting system, controls and monitors the expenditure of state funds, maintains central budgeting and asset databases, forecasts population trends, and conducts long-range budget planning.

The Department of General Administration (GA) provides engineering, architectural, construction management, and lease management services to state agencies. All agencies except the four year universities, the Evergreen State College, the Liquor Control Board for liquor stores and warehouses, the Department of Transportation, and the natural resource agencies are required to utilize GA's facility-related services.

Several state facility management studies conducted during the late 1980's identified a need for accurate and timely information describing the amount and condition of state-owned and leased facilities.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Office of Financial Management (OFM) must develop and maintain an inventory system to account for all owned or leased facilities utilized by the state. Only facilities with walls and a roof must be included in the inventory system. Roads, bridges, parking areas, utility systems, and other similar improvements to real property are not required to be inventoried. The inventory system must include the location, type, and size of each facility. In addition, for owned facilities, the system must include the date and cost of original construction and the cost of any major remodeling or renovation. The system must be developed by January 1, 1994. The initial inventory must be completed by June 30, 1994, and updated annually.

All state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and institutions must provide a complete inventory of owned and leased facilities to the Office of Financial Management by May 30, 1994. These inventories must be in a standard format prescribed by the Office of Financial Management, and must be updated annually.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill requires the Office of Financial Management, rather than the Department of General Administration, to develop and maintain the inventory system. The substitute bill also defines the types of facilities that must be inventoried, and specifies the type of information to be collected. The substitute bill also extends the required dates for completing the system and the initial inventory.

Fiscal Note: Requested February 25, 1993.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which the bill is passed.

Testimony For: The state currently does not maintain an accurate record of the number, size, or location of state-owned facilities. This information has been requested by the Legislature several times in recent years and is also of interest to the Office of Financial Management and the Department of General Administration.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Representative Jean Silver, prime sponsor; Grant Fredricks, Department of General Administration (pro); and

John Fricke, Office of Financial Management (pro).