

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5180

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As of February 4, 1997

**Title:** An act relating to personal service contracts.

**Brief Description:** Requiring state agency personal service contracts to specify that the state owns the data generated under the contracts.

**Sponsors:** Senators Bauer, Wojahn, Prince, Horn, Stevens and Winsley; by request of Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 2/11/97.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** It is state policy to have open competition for personal service contracts and subcontracts to personal service contracts entered into by state agencies, unless specifically exempt. State policy also provides for legislative and executive review of personal service contracts, to centralize the location of information about personal service contracts for ease of public review, and ensure proper accounting of personal services expenditures.

Questions have arisen as to state ownership of and access to data generated under these personal service contracts.

**Summary of Bill:** Agency contracts for personal services must specify that the state owns all of the data generated under a personal service contract and that the state must take possession or have reasonable access to this data.

The Office of Financial Management, after developing criteria, may grant exceptions to these requirements.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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