

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

## Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1494

### Clarifying duties of the director of general administration.

Brief title

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of General Administration is required to be organized into divisions including division for capital building division for purchasing division for engineering and architecture and division for motor vehicle transportation.

A director of General Administration is appointed by the Governor with consent of the Senate and holds office at the pleasure of the Governor.

The director of General Administration is given charge and general supervision of the department; authorized to appoint deputy directors and such clerical and assistant staff as are necessary for the administration of the department and (3) give express authority to adopt rules and regulations, but not all, of the various authorities vested in the department, especially those vested in the division for purchasing.

### **SUMMARY:**

Statutes relating to the Department of General Administration are revised to clarify the authority of the director of that department.

The director is declared to be the executive head of the Department of General Administration with complete charge and supervisory powers over the department and the authority to create administrative structures deemed appropriate and employ personnel under the civil service laws. The director is granted specific authority

- o Administer and supervise the department;
- o Enter into contracts to carry out the department's responsibilities;

- o Acceptance of grants;
- o Appoint deputy directors, assistants and special assistants in the department who are exempt from civil laws.
- o Adopt rules;
- o Delegate powers and duties;
- o Establish advisory groups.

**FISCANOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session which it passed.