

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2858

As of February 22, 2000

Title: An act relating to reports to the legislature.

Brief Description: Eliminating certain reports to the legislature.

Sponsors: House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt, Dunshee, Ruderman and Edwards; by request of Governor Locke).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/23/2000.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: A number of laws have been enacted requiring state agencies to prepare reports. Some of these reports were one-time reports, while other reports are ongoing reports.

Legislation was enacted in 1998 eliminating obsolete requirements for over 240 reports to be prepared by state agencies. Legislation was enacted in 1999 eliminating a number of obsolete requirements for one-time reports to the Legislature, a number of ongoing reports to the Legislature, and a number of other reports that were required to be made.

Summary of Bill: Requirements are eliminated or altered for a number of reports and studies by state agencies.

Obsolete requirements are eliminated for the following one-time reports to the Legislature:

- Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) submitting a plan for providing services to at risk mothers who have delivered a drug or alcohol exposed infant;
- the Department of Health and Public Works Board reporting on the status of the safe drinking water program;
- DSHS reporting on its review of training standards for administrators and resident care giving staff of boarding homes; and
- DSHS reporting on training standards for administrators, residential managers, and care giving staff of adult family homes.

Requirements are eliminated for the following ongoing reports:

- annual reports by DSHS to the Legislature on economic, gender, geographic, or racial disproportionality in the rates of arrest, detention, trial, treatment, and disposition in the juvenile justice system;
- annual reports by DSHS to the Legislature on its risk assessment process when investigating alleged child abuse and neglect referrals;
- annual reports by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development to the Governor and the Legislature on the accomplishments of its employee ownership program;
- annual reports by DSHS to the Governor and Legislature on its success with regard to adoptive and foster home placements;
- annual reports by DSHS to the Legislature on the number of times it declined to accept custody of a child from a law enforcement agency under the Family Reconciliation Act;
- annual reports by DSHS on transfers under the family preservation services program;
- annual reports by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Legislature on salmon and steelhead harvests; and
- annual reports by the Department of Transportation on public transportation systems, including their use of excise taxes.

The requirement is eliminated that the Department of Fish and Wildlife include the cost of running its all state-funded salmon production facilities at full capacity as part of its biennial budget request.

The one-time requirement is eliminated for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to submit a detailed salmon enhancement plan, along with the restriction that the commission may not approve salmon enhancement projects replacing projects that existed prior to May 21, 1985, unless no other sources of funds are available.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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