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Brief Description: Increasing government accountability through the state sunset review process.

HB 2441-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a program and fiscal review of any entity scheduled for termination under chapter 43.131 RCW. This program and fiscal review shall be completed and a preliminary report prepared during the calendar year prior to the date established for termination. These reports shall be prepared in the manner set forth in RCW 44.28.071 and 44.28.075.

Provides that, upon completion of its preliminary report, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall transmit copies of the report to the office of financial management and any affected entity. The final report shall include the response, if any, of the affected entity and the office of financial management in the same manner as set forth in RCW 44.28.088, except the affected entity and the office of financial management shall have sixty days to respond to the report.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to transmit the final report to the legislature, to the state entity affected, to the governor, and to the state library.

Declares that any entity may be scheduled for sunset termination and review under this chapter by law.

Requires an entity scheduled for sunset termination to establish performance measures and must be evaluated, in part, in terms of the results. The entity has the burden of demonstrating the extent to which performance results have been achieved.

Provides that, in conducting the review of an entity, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall determine the scope and objectives of the review and consider, but not be limited to, the following factors, if applicable: (1) The extent to which the entity has complied with legislative intent;

(2) the extent to which the entity is operating in an efficient and economical manner which results in optimum performance;

(3) the extent to which the entity is operating in the public interest by controlling costs;

(4) the extent to which the entity duplicates the activities of other entities or of the private sector;

(5) the extent to which the entity is meeting the performance measures developed under this act; and

(6) the possible impact of the termination or modification of the entity.

Declares that RCW 43.131.010 through 43.131.150 shall expire on June 30, 2015, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.