

**State Government Committee**

**HB 2050**

**Brief Description:** *Delaying the effective date of agency rules.*

**Sponsors:** *Representatives Morell, Quall, G. Chandler, Grant, McMorris, Hatfield, Kessler and Woods.*

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- *Delays the effective date of most non-emergency rules until the adjournment of the regular legislative session following their adoption.*

**Hearing Date:** *2/19/01*

**Staff:** *Jim Morishima (786-7191).*

**Background:**

*Most agency rules take effect 30 days after they are filed with the Code Reviser, unless a later date is specified by statute or in the order of adoption. Rules can become effective at an earlier date under the following circumstances:*

- *If the rule is an emergency rule (emergency rules take effect upon filing);*
- *If the rule is required by the state or federal Constitution, a statute, or a court order;*
- *If the rule only delays the effective date of another rule; or*
- *If the earlier effective date is necessary to prevent imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare.*

**Summary of Bill:**

*Most agency rules take effect after the adjournment of the regular legislative session following their adoption, unless a later date is specified by statute or in the order of adoption. The circumstances under which a rule can become effective at an earlier date remain unchanged.*

**Rulemaking Authority:** *No express authority.*

***Appropriation: None.***

***Fiscal Note: Not Requested.***

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