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Sponsor(s): Senators T. Sheldon, Benton, Swecker, McCaslin, Stevens, Zarelli, Deccio, Johnson, Hochstatter, Hewitt and Shin

Brief Description: Adopting the Washington state governmental accountability act of 2001.

**SB 5931 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent that:

(1) All legislation shall be measured by provisions of the Constitutions as currently written or amended; and

(2) Elected officials, entrusted with the duty to protect individual rights and the perpetuity of free government, shall clarify, through all legislation, the Constitutional purpose and limitation of all agencies, and shall hold those agencies accountable to the protection of individual rights as embodied in the Constitutions and the intent of the legislation.

Provides that no governmental agency or department shall impose any penalty upon a citizen without first providing the citizen with the specific statute language which the citizen has violated and informing the citizen of the citizen's legal rights.