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By Senators Hargrove, Schmidt, Poulsen, Esser, Stevens, Berkey, Eide, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting requirements for community action
2 agencies; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the valuable role
5 community action agencies play in delivering human services to low-
6 income families and individuals of all ages in rural and urban areas of
7 the state. The legislature also recognizes that uncoordinated and
8 duplicative electronic reporting requirements are placing extraordinary
9 burdens on community action agencies. To alleviate these burdens, the
10 legislature finds that state agencies must coordinate and standardize
11 the data collection and reporting systems that are used in the
12 administration and distribution of contracts with community action
13 agencies.

14 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall study the
15 feasibility of establishing common data collection, grant distribution,
16 accountability requirements, and management standards for state
17 agencies that work with community action agencies. The study shall
18 include the identification and potential uses of common data elements
19 across state agencies. The committee shall review the policies and

1 practices of those state agencies that work with and provide funding to
2 local community action agencies, including, but not limited to, the
3 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
4 department of social and health services, and the employment security
5 department. State agencies that work with community action agencies
6 shall cooperate with the joint legislative audit and review committee
7 in this study.

8 The committee shall submit a progress report to the appropriate
9 policy committees of the legislature by September 1, 2004, and a final
10 report to the same committees by September 1, 2005.

11 This section expires December 31, 2005.

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