

5053-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hale, McCaslin, Schmidt, Honeyford, Parlette, T. Sheldon, Hewitt, Johnson and Oke)

Brief Description: Prohibiting agencies from adopting rules that exceed federal standards without legislative authority.

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Provides that no agency may adopt a rule that exceeds a federal standard without specific legislative authority. The legislature may grant such authority pursuant to a request by an agency. A requesting agency shall present to the appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate:

- (1) A written justification detailing the unique reasons why Washington state policy must exceed federal policy; and

- (2) A cost-benefit analysis that clearly outlines the economic impacts for Washington's business or other regulated entities.