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

**SB 5053 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that no agency may adopt a rule that exceeds a federal standard without specific legislative authority.

Provides that, by July 1, 2004, each state agency must review existing rules that exceed federal standards and prepare a report for the office of financial management and the joint administrative rules review committee that outlines the grant of authority used to exceed those standards.

Requires that, if the agency has relied on a general grant of authority in adopting the rules, the agency shall either repeal the rules or seek specific authority from the legislature as allowed under this act. If specific authority is not obtained by July 1, 2006, the agency shall repeal the rule.