

HB 2131 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department shall administer a performance-based grant program that provides funding assistance to public agencies that issue business licenses and that wish to join with the department's master licensing service.

Authorizes the department to determine among interested grant applicants the order and the amount of the grant. In making grant determinations, consideration must be given, but not limited to, the following criteria: Readiness of the public agency to participate; the number of renewable licenses; and the reduced regulatory impact to businesses subject to licensure relative to the overall investment required by the department.

Requires the department to invite and encourage participation by all Washington city and county governments having interests or responsibilities relating to business licensing.

Declares that the total amount of grants provided under this act may not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in any one fiscal year.

Declares that the source of funds for this grant program is the master license account.