

**HB 2429 - DIGEST**

Declares that, since the passage of the federal no child left behind act in 2001, there has been rapid implementation of additional components to the state assessment system. As a result, a comprehensive analysis of Washington's assessment system following the implementation of the no child left behind act of 2001 has not been conducted. There has also not been adequate attention paid to how the system affects the authority and control of locally elected school directors. Therefore, the legislature intends to commission a comprehensive review of Washington's academic assessment system and ensure additional local flexibility within that system.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee and its contractor to submit a report containing the results of the review of the alternative assessment tools to the Washington assessment of student learning by September 30, 2006, and a final report covering the other subjects reviewed under this section to the education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.