

**SB 5119-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there has been no review of the local government whistleblower act, chapter 42.41 RCW, since its adoption in 1992. By examining a sample of local government whistleblower programs for their effectiveness in fulfilling the policy and intent of the act, the legislature intends to determine whether changes to the act are needed or further review is warranted.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to review a sample of local government whistleblower programs.

Requires the committee to make recommendations regarding improvements to better facilitate the reporting and investigation of improper governmental action in local governments. The committee shall provide a final report on this review by December 1, 2006.