

SB 5685 - DIGEST

Finds that the provision of civil legal aid services to indigent persons is an important component of the state's responsibility to provide for the proper and effective administration of civil and criminal justice.

Finds that state-funded legal aid services should be administered by an independent office of civil legal aid located within the judicial branch and subject to formal continuing oversight that includes bipartisan legislative representation.

Creates a civil legal aid oversight committee.

Creates an office of civil legal aid as an independent agency of the judicial branch.

Repeals RCW 43.08.270.