

SB 6818 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is to make
4 state revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publicly
5 accessible as is feasible. Increasing the ease of public access to
6 state budget data, particularly where the data are currently available
7 from disparate internal government sources but are difficult for the
8 public to collect and efficiently aggregate, significantly contributes
9 to governmental accountability, public participation, agency
10 efficiency, and open government.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.48 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of
14 financial management, using existing databases and structures currently
15 shared, the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability
16 program committee shall establish and make available to the public a
17 searchable state expenditure information web site. The state
18 expenditure information web site shall provide access to current budget
19 data, access to current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and
20 staff, and access to historical data. At a minimum, the web site will
21 provide access or links to the following information as data are
22 available:

- 23 (a) State expenditures by fund or account;
24 (b) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;
25 (c) State revenues by major source;
26 (d) State expenditures by object and subobject;
27 (e) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures,
28 and recent performance audits; and
29 (f) State agency budget data by activity.

1 (2) "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state
2 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,
3 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher
4 education.

5 (3) The state expenditure information web site shall be updated
6 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the
7 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained by the legislative
8 evaluation and accountability program committee as part of its ten-year
9 historical budget data.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) The office of financial management shall make electronically
13 available to the public a database of state agency contracts for
14 personal services and purchased services required to be filed with the
15 office of financial management under chapter 39.29 RCW.

16 (2) The state expenditure information web site described in section
17 2 of this act shall include a link to the office of financial
18 management database described in subsection (1) of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) Upon the release of each proposed omnibus appropriations act
22 and final enacted budget, the legislative evaluation and accountability
23 committee shall prepare and cause to be posted on a publicly accessible
24 web site a presentation consisting of potential examples of the types
25 and levels of educational programs and services supported by funding
26 provided in the proposed or enacted omnibus appropriations act under
27 specified allocations for the support of common schools.

28 (2) The purpose of the presentation created in subsection (1) of
29 this section is to make transparent to the public, using categories and
30 terms that are readily understood, examples of the type and level of
31 educational programs and services supported by funding appropriated in
32 the omnibus appropriations act under specified programs for support of
33 the common schools. Such transparency promotes better public
34 understanding of the state resources provided to support the common
35 schools. The information in the presentation is for illustrative
36 purposes only. It is not intended, nor is it to be construed, to

1 represent how state allocations are actually used by individual school
2 districts, nor how school districts are expected or required to expend
3 state allocations.

4 (3) Each legislative evaluation and accountability program
5 committee presentation prepared under this section shall provide
6 estimates for the following items, based on the level of state funding
7 appropriated in the budget bill for which the presentation is prepared
8 and for the school year immediately following the legislative session
9 in which the bill is considered:

10 (a) For the general apportionment program:

11 (i) Estimated state-funded class size in elementary, middle, and
12 high school grade spans;

13 (ii) Average state-funded teacher salary, total teacher
14 compensation, administrator salary, and classified staff salary;

15 (iii) Estimated number of state-funded staff of various
16 classifications in a hypothetical average-sized school; and

17 (iv) Estimated amount per pupil for nonemployee related costs,
18 including a breakdown of the per pupil amount by selected major
19 categories of expenditure;

20 (b) For the learning assistance program, the transitional bilingual
21 program, and the highly capable student program: Estimated hours of
22 additional instruction per week in each program;

23 (c) For the special education excess cost allocation: Estimated
24 amount per eligible student;

25 (d) For the promoting academic success program: Estimated hours of
26 remediation for various types of students, hours of teacher planning
27 time, and class size; and

28 (e) For the student achievement fund: Estimated amount per pupil
29 in each category of use of the funds under RCW 28A.505.210 and
30 estimated staffing or additional instructional time supported by the
31 funds in a hypothetical average-sized school.

32 (4) Each document shall also contain a brief narrative description
33 of how the estimates provided under subsection (3) of this section were
34 calculated and the major assumptions behind the calculations.
35 Estimates may be developed using documented expenditure patterns of
36 school districts, best practices, or other sources of information."

37 Correct the title.