
HOUSE BILL 2289

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Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to utilizing information technology; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.105 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state agencies do
6 not always use the services offered by the department of information
7 services, resulting in a lack of appropriate coordination, redundant
8 systems, incompatible systems or data, and multiple computer platforms.
9 Additionally, the legislature finds that opportunities are being missed
10 to leverage the purchasing power of the department to drive down the
11 cost of securing information services.

12 The technology, energy, and communications committee studied
13 streamlining state government in the technology and energy areas during
14 the 2006 interim. The study found that state agencies use an
15 increasing variety of information services and technologies, leading to
16 inefficient use of state resources and fragmented authority over
17 important information technology decisions.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.105 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on streamlining state
4 information services is established, with members as provided in this
5 subsection.

6 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint four members from
7 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

8 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint four
9 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
10 representatives. At least one member from each caucus must be a member
11 of the house technology, energy and communications committee.

12 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
13 representatives jointly shall appoint two members representing local
14 government and public benefit nonprofit corporations who utilize the
15 services of the department of information services.

16 (iv) The governor shall appoint two members: (A) The director of
17 the department of information services, and (B) a member of the
18 information services board.

19 (b) In addition, the department of information services shall
20 cooperate with the task force and maintain a liaison representative,
21 who shall be a nonvoting member. The department shall cooperate with
22 the task force and provide information as the cochairs may reasonably
23 request. The task force shall consult other state agencies and
24 individuals from the private sector with expertise in this area as
25 necessary to carry out the mission of the task force.

26 (c) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its
27 legislative membership. The chair of the house technology, energy and
28 communications committee shall convene the initial meeting of the task
29 force.

30 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

31 (a) A statewide information services strategy;

32 (b) Development of a process to strengthen the mandate of the
33 department of information services in acquiring various information
34 services;

35 (c) Leveraging the purchasing power of the department of
36 information services to drive down the cost of securing information
37 services; and

1 (d) Strengthening the role of the information services board in
2 enhancing the utilization of services offered by the department of
3 information services.

4 (3) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
5 senate committee services and the house office of program research.

6 (4) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
7 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
8 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
9 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
10 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

11 (5) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
12 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
13 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
14 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

15 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
16 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
17 December 1, 2007.

18 (7) This section expires December 31, 2007.

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