

SB 6776 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Authorizes the state auditor to investigate, within available resources, reports of improper governmental activities made by whistleblowers to any public official pursuant to RCW 42.40.050. Any public official receiving the report must submit a record of that report to the auditor within fifteen business days of receiving it.

Requires that governmental employees be provided annual notice of their rights under chapter 42.40 RCW. Such reminders may be in agency internal newsletters, notices included with paychecks or stubs, e-mail notices sent to all employees, or other such means that are both cost-effective and reach all employees of the government agency, division, or subdivision.

Revises provisions protecting whistleblowers from reprisals or retaliatory actions.