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By Senator Rockefeller

1 On page 16, after line 32, strike all of section 302, and insert
2 the following:

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4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** (1) The department of community, trade,
5 and economic development and the Washington State University energy
6 extension program shall review:

7 (a) Low-income weatherization programs, as authorized under
8 chapter 70.164 RCW, weatherization, weatherization services, and
9 energy efficiency programs administered by the state;

10 (b) The low-income energy assistance program funded by the federal
11 government pursuant to the federal low-income energy assistance act
12 (Title 42 U.S.C. 8623 et seq.);

13 (c) Weatherization and energy efficiency programs funded by
14 private entities, utilities, the federal government, and other
15 entities; and

16 (d) Administrative and overhead costs incurred by weatherization
17 and energy efficiency programs.

18 (2) By July 1, 2010, the department of community, trade, and
19 economic development and the Washington State University energy
20 extension program shall provide to the governor and the appropriate
21 committees of the legislature a report with findings from the review
22 required in subsection (1) of this section and recommendations for the
23 coordination of the state's energy efficiency and weatherization
24 programs, including the low-income energy assistance and low-income
25 weatherization programs under chapter 70.164 RCW and the
26 weatherization program created in section 102 of this act.

27 (a) The recommendations must include:

1 (i) Identification of best practices and opportunities to
2 consolidate and create efficiencies and economies of scale;

3 (ii) Identification of legislative action necessary to maximize
4 the state's receipt of funding for weatherization and energy
5 efficiency purposes; and

6 (iii) Identification of methods to minimize costs through
7 coordination and potential consolidation of programs.

8 (b) If the report finds that administrative efficiencies may best
9 be achieved by the transition of functions from one state agency or
10 entity to another, then the recommendations must also include:

11 (i) Identification of statutory changes necessary to ensure an
12 expeditious and efficient transition with the least programmatic
13 disruption; and

14 (ii) A timeline for the process that includes methods to phase and
15 synchronize the transition of administrative procedures, records,
16 files, and staff in accordance with the goals and intent of this
17 chapter.

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19 EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the report make
20 recommendations on how the state's energy efficiency and
21 weatherization programs must all be transferred to WSU.

22 Retains the requirement for WSU and CTED to review the state's
23 energy efficiency and weatherization programs and make
24 recommendations on energy efficiency and weatherization program
coordination or consolidation within one state entity.

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