

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5738

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As of February 18, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to annual compliance reports.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the office of the superintendent of public instruction to review annual school district compliance reports.

**Sponsors:** Senators King, McAuliffe, Holmquist, Swecker, Oemig, Haugen, Kauffman, Honeyford and Tom.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/18/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

**Staff:** Kimberly Cushing (786-7421)

**Background:** Under current law, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is authorized to establish a longitudinal student data system for and on behalf of Washington school districts. This is the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS).

In 2007 the Legislature directed OSPI to conduct a feasibility study on expanding CEDARS. The report was due to the Legislature on November 1, 2008. OSPI developed the recommendations in consultation with a work group comprised of representatives from a variety of organizations. One of the recommendations is to "build new reports and queries based on stakeholder needs."

**Summary of Bill:** Within existing resources, OSPI must review all annual compliance reports required of school districts. OSPI must make recommendations about which reports should be (1) discontinued; (2) integrated into CEDARS; or (3) maintained in their current form.

To assist with this review, OSPI may reconvene the workgroup that helped conduct the CEDARS feasibility study. By December 1, 2009, OSPI must provide a final report on the status of the annual compliance reports to the Legislature.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 2, 2009.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: School districts have many requirements to report on. If there are some reports that are no longer needed, this would reduce the burden on school districts and increase efficiency.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator King, prime sponsor.