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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Oemig, Rockefeller, Jacobsen, Marr, Hatfield, Eide, and Fraser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the efficiency, accountability, and  
2 quality within state information systems; creating new sections; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS. The  
6 legislature finds the state and its citizens will benefit by maximizing  
7 the efficient investment in and application of technology. The  
8 legislature further finds that Washington state is a leader in  
9 information technology and systems, in both the private and public  
10 sectors. Significant investments have been made in information  
11 technology and systems and the costs of those investments continue to  
12 rise.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to achieve reform within the  
14 state's approach to information technology and systems so that future  
15 investments are sound and limited resources are used as efficiently as  
16 possible. The legislature recognizes the state has undergone past  
17 information technology and systems studies. However, this effort will  
18 be focused on a collaborative action plan to implement recommendations.

1 A collaborative process will achieve widespread support for the  
2 recommendations and bring forth creative and diverse approaches and  
3 recommendations.

4 Improvements in information technology and systems will benefit the  
5 state by:

6 (1) Improving business process efficiency through the appropriate  
7 application of technology and system integration;

8 (2) Reducing information technology and systems costs by developing  
9 a collaborative approach to future development; and

10 (3) Improving the quality and integrity of information used by the  
11 state and our citizens.

12 Therefore, the information systems improvement committee is  
13 created. The committee shall pursue a comprehensive examination of  
14 information technology and systems investments and issues and develop  
15 a set of recommendations to enhance the quality, accountability, and  
16 efficiency of information systems in Washington state.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** INFORMATION SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

18 The information systems improvement committee is created.

19 (1) The committee consists of the following members:

20 (a) Two members from the house of representatives, one from each of  
21 the two largest caucuses, to be appointed by the speaker of the house;

22 (b) Two members from the senate, one from each of the two largest  
23 caucuses, to be appointed by the president of the senate;

24 (c) One representative from the office of financial management;

25 (d) One representative from the governor's office;

26 (e) One representative from the department of information services;

27 (f) One representative from the department of transportation;

28 (g) One representative designated by the higher education  
29 coordinating board;

30 (h) One representative designated by the board of community and  
31 technical colleges;

32 (i) One representative from the department of licensing;

33 (j) One representative from the department of ecology;

34 (k) One representative from the department of labor and industries;

35 (l) One representative from the employment security department;

36 (m) One representative from the department of natural resources;

1 (n) One representative from the office of the insurance  
2 commissioner;

3 (o) One representative from the software industry to be appointed  
4 by the governor;

5 (p) One representative from the hardware industry to be appointed  
6 by the governor;

7 (q) One representative of state employees to be appointed by the  
8 governor;

9 (r) One representative designated by the association of Washington  
10 cities;

11 (s) One representative designated by the Washington state  
12 association of counties; and

13 (t) One representative of state employees working in information  
14 technology to be selected by the exclusive bargaining representative  
15 that represents the largest number of classified state employees.

16 (2) The committee shall elect a chair from the four legislators  
17 appointed to the committee. There will be a steering committee  
18 comprised of the chair of the information systems improvement committee  
19 and the representatives from the governor's office, office of financial  
20 management, department of information systems, and the department of  
21 licensing. The steering committee shall develop the meeting agendas  
22 and appoint chairs to the technical subcommittees. The steering  
23 committee may also add additional members to the information systems  
24 improvement committee.

25 (3) Members of the committee may not be compensated but must  
26 receive reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
27 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 (4) The department of information services shall provide  
29 administrative and clerical assistance to the committee. The  
30 department may retain consultants to assist in facilitation of the  
31 committee.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES. (1) The  
33 committee is responsible for developing a series of recommendations for  
34 improving information technology and systems across state and local  
35 governments. The committee shall determine ways to maximize the state  
36 investment in these areas, including an analysis of state provision of  
37 services versus managed services. The committee, where possible, will

1 leverage the work of existing groups, efforts, and studies in order to  
2 not duplicate efforts. The committee will develop an action plan using  
3 a collaborative and inclusive process, in order to build consensus and  
4 support for the recommendations.

5 (2) The committee shall create a governance subcommittee, which  
6 shall make recommendations on information technology planning, funding  
7 strategies, portfolio ownership and management, and decision processes.  
8 In addition the committee may establish such other subcommittees as the  
9 committee determines is appropriate.

10 (3) Within six months from the first meeting of the committee, the  
11 subcommittees shall develop an initial list of possible recommendations  
12 in their technical area.

13 (4) The committee will provide a final report with recommendations  
14 to the legislature and governor by September 1, 2011. The technical  
15 subcommittee's recommendations must be approved by a majority of the  
16 information systems improvement committee. The final report must  
17 include specific actions to be taken by state agencies and plans for  
18 implementing those actions. The report must also contain benchmarking  
19 in the subject areas of the technical subcommittees. This benchmarking  
20 must indicate where the state is currently, how the recommended actions  
21 will increase the state's benchmarks, and how we compare to other  
22 states.

23 (5) The committee shall develop a dispute resolution process to  
24 resolve conflicts by September 1, 2010.

25 (6) The committee and technical subcommittees shall identify, where  
26 possible, pilot projects to test the recommendations developed by the  
27 subcommittees.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 31, 2012.

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