

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2492

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring the state board of education to provide fiscal impact statements before making rule changes.

Sponsors: House Committee on Education Appropriations & Oversight (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Dammeier, Maxwell, Dahlquist, Liias, Finn and Santos).

House Committee on Education Appropriations & Oversight
Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

The State Board of Education (SBE) was first established by the Territorial Legislature in 1877. The SBE consists of 16 members: five elected by school board members, seven appointed by the Governor, one elected by private schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and two nonvoting students. The SBE's statutory purpose is to provide advocacy and strategic oversight of public education, implement a standards-based accountability framework, provide leadership, and promote achievement of the Basic Education goals. Goals are adopted by the SBE by rule. The SBE is responsible for: setting performance standards for statewide assessments and the accountability system; setting high school graduation requirements; monitoring compliance with Basic Education requirements; and approving private schools.

Summary:

When publishing a notice of a rule-making hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act, the SBE is required to provide a school district fiscal impact statement along with proposed rules. Additionally, the SBE is required to have a presentation and public hearing on the impact statement along with the rule. A copy of the impact statement must be forwarded to the legislative education committees.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction must prepare the fiscal impact statements and solicit estimates from a representative sample of school districts. Certain rules are excluded from the fiscal impact statement requirements: emergency rules; rules that adopt by reference or without material change other state or federal laws and rules; rules that deal with

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procedures or practices of the SBE and are not related to any external parties; technical corrections; and rules where the content is explicitly dictated by the Legislature.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	47	1

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