

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2705

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating the office of legislative support services.

Sponsors: Representatives Sullivan and Kretz.

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

In addition to the Senate and the House of Representatives (House), the legislative branch of government consists of several legislative agencies created by statute. The legislative agencies include:

- the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (conducts performance audits, program evaluations, special studies, and program sunset reviews);
- the Statute Law Committee (publishes the Revised Code of Washington and the Washington Administrative Code, and provides a central bill-drafting service);
- the Joint Transportation Committee (serves as the joint fact-finding committee on transportation issues);
- the Office of the State Actuary (provides actuarial services relating to state retirement systems);
- the Joint Legislative Systems Committee (administers legislative information processing and communications systems); and
- the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee (provides information and technology with respect to budgets and revenue).

The Senate, the House, and legislative agencies each employ professional and administrative support staff.

Summary:

The Office of Legislative Support Services is established to provide administrative and support services to the Senate, the House, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, the Statute Law Committee, the Joint Transportation Committee, the Office of the State Actuary, the Joint Legislative Systems Committee, and the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee. These services include facility management, production

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and audio-visual services, information distribution, and other administrative and support services.

The Director of the Office of Legislative Support Services (Director) is appointed jointly by the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. The Director is authorized to employ additional staff. The Office of Legislative Support Services is subject to the operational policies, procedures, and oversight of the Facilities and Operations Committee of the Senate and the Executive Rules Committee of the House.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	49	0

Effective: July 1, 2012