Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Capital Budget Committee

HB 2722

Brief Description: Concerning surplus property.

Sponsors: Representatives Parker, Dunshee, Warnick, Zeiger, Angel and Santos.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to annually report a list of surplus properties to the Legislature.
- Requires the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to annually report on the status of surplus properties.
- Requires the OFM to coordinate with the DES on surplus properties.

Hearing Date: 1/31/12

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115).

Background:

Department of Enterprise Services.

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) is authorized to sell property that belongs to the state if the agency having custody of the property no longer needs it. State agencies have first right of refusal and then other public entities before property is made available for sale to the general public. The proceeds of the sale of the property is deposited into the fund from which the property was originally purchased, or the State General Fund if the original fund no longer exists.

The DES is required to maintain a record of any surplus property disposed of including the date of sale, method of disposal, identity of recipient, and approximate value.

Office of Financial Management.

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The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is required to submit a Six-Year Facilities Plan to the Legislature every two years. The plan identifies space requirements for agencies, including new space required for growth or less space as a result of downsizing.

Local Governments and State Agencies.

The Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Corrections, the DES, and cities, towns, and counties are required to identify and catalog real property that is suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households. These entities must provide a copy of these inventories to the Department of Commerce (DOC) annually each November 1. Upon request, the DOC must provide a copy of information regarding all such lands to parties interested in developing affordable housing.

Summary of Bill:

The DES is required to report annually to the Legislature a list of surplus property including the listing price, the date it was listed, and sale price if it was sold. The OFM is required to include in the Six-Year Facilities Plan a list of all surplus properties except for real properties. The OFM is also required to submit an updated list of surplus properties every other year and must coordinate with the DES on the sale of surplus properties.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 2012.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.