

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5739

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Economic Development, Trade & Innovation, January 26, 2012

Title: An act relating to uniform laws on interstate provision of governmental services.

Brief Description: Regarding uniform laws on the interstate provision of governmental services.

Sponsors: Senators Kastama and Chase.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation: 2/16/11, 2/17/11; 1/12/12, 1/16/12, 1/26/12 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Chase, Vice Chair; Hatfield, Kilmer and Shin.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Baumgartner, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry and Zarelli.

Staff: Jack Brummel (786-7428)

Background: The Washington State Uniform Law Commission (Commission) was established to promote uniformity of legislation with other states. The Commission identifies areas of the law where uniformity of state laws is desirable and practicable, and either the U.S. Congress lacks jurisdiction to act or it is preferable that the several states enact the laws. The Commission proposes to the Legislature adoption of the uniform acts developed with other commissioners at the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (National Conference).

Summary of Bill: The Commission is directed to consider a uniform law enabling several states to contract among themselves for the provision of state services, including information technology, to accomplish savings from economies of scale. If the Commission develops a draft uniform law on this subject, they must propose it to the National Conference.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

If, after consideration, the Commission determines such a law is not feasible, it must so report to the appropriate legislative committees.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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: This allows the Uniform Law Commission to see if their can be efficiencies and a lowering of costs by collaboration in delivery of services.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Kastama, prime sponsor.