

SSB 5679 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Government Operations & Elections

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that regulatory
5 processes impose significant costs on doing business and significantly
6 influence investment behavior, location decisions, start-up activity,
7 expansions, and hiring. The legislature further finds that, for more
8 than a decade, the executive and legislative branches have called upon
9 state agencies to review their regulations to achieve meaningful
10 regulatory reform and improve the regulatory climate for Washington
11 businesses. However, a 2012 performance audit conducted by the state
12 auditor's office found that the departments of ecology, health, and
13 labor and industries have not adopted sufficient streamlining
14 processes or formally measured the results of their streamlining
15 activities. Thus, it is the intent of the legislature to formally
16 direct these three state agencies to achieve the regulatory reform
17 that has been repeatedly called for by the governor and the
18 legislature.

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20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The department of ecology must establish a continuous, formal
23 review process of its rules. The review must be based on a
24 prioritized work plan and must include rules relating to licenses,
25 permits, and inspections. The review must identify rules that can
26 be simplified, amended, or repealed with a goal to reduce the
27 regulatory burden on businesses without compromising the public

1 health or safety. Performance measures must be adopted to assess
2 the effectiveness of streamlining efforts. The department must
3 establish a process for effectively applying sunset provisions to
4 rules when applicable. The department must present an update to the
5 applicable committees of the legislature regarding its review
6 process, performance measures, and accomplishments of its
7 streamlining efforts by January 2014, and every other year
8 thereafter.

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10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.22 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The department of labor and industries must establish a
13 continuous, formal review process of its rules. The review must be
14 based on a prioritized work plan and must include rules relating to
15 licenses, permits, and inspections. The review must identify rules
16 that can be simplified, amended, or repealed with a goal to reduce
17 the regulatory burden on businesses without compromising the public
18 health or safety. Performance measures must be adopted to assess
19 the effectiveness of streamlining efforts. The department must
20 establish a process for effectively applying sunset provisions to
21 rules when applicable. The department must present an update to the
22 applicable committees of the legislature regarding its review
23 process, performance measures, and accomplishments of its
24 streamlining efforts by January 2014, and every other year
25 thereafter.

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27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The department of health must establish a continuous, formal
30 review process of its rules. The review must be based on a
31 prioritized work plan and must include rules relating to licenses,
32 permits, and inspections. The review must identify rules that can
33 be simplified, amended, or repealed with a goal to reduce the
34 regulatory burden on businesses without compromising the public

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3 establish a process for effectively applying sunset provisions to
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5 applicable committees of the legislature regarding its review
6 process, performance measures, and accomplishments of its
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8 thereafter."

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EFFECT: Requires that the formal review process be a continuous process. Requires that the review be based on a prioritized work plan and include rules relating to licenses, permits, and inspections. Requires that the review identify rules that can be simplified, amended, or repealed. Requires each department to present an update to the applicable committees of the Legislature regarding its review process, performance measures, and accomplishments of its streamlining efforts by January 2014 and every other year thereafter.

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