

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1860

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to continuing the use of the legislature's sunset review process.

Brief Description: Continuing the use of the legislature's sunset review process.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Haigh, Ryu and Fey; by request of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee Executive Committee.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Government Accountability & Oversight: 2/19/13, 2/21/13 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/5/13, 96-0.

Passed Senate: 4/12/13, 48-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends the termination date of the sunset review process to June 30, 2025.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Hurst, Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Holy, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake, Kirby, Moscoso, Shea and Smith.

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Legislature may schedule a program or agency to be terminated under the sunset review process. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) must conduct a review of the program or agency and provide a preliminary report to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) during the year prior to the termination date. The JLARC must submit a final report to the OFM and the Legislature.

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Entities scheduled to sunset must establish performance measures and develop a data collection plan subject to review and comment by the JLARC. The Sunset Act establishes factors that must be considered by the JLARC when conducting its review of the entity. If an entity is terminated under the sunset review process, it continues its existence until June 30 of the next succeeding year, in order to conclude its business.

The sunset review process is set to expire on June 30, 2015.

Summary of Bill:

The termination date for the sunset review process is extended until June 30, 2025.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The sunset review process is a critical part of evaluating the continued need and responsibility of state agencies. The JLARC is asking that the sunset review be expanded 10 more years.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Alexander, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.