
Government Operations & Elections Committee

HB 2104

Brief Description: Providing contract information online for state capital and transportation projects.

Sponsors: Representatives Hawkins, Riccelli, Manweller, Bergquist, Hargrove, Fitzgibbon, Zeiger, Pollet, Haler, Carlyle, Morrell, Moscoso, Blake, Ormsby, Stonier, Magendanz and Freeman.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires an electronic link to the contract for each capital budget and transportation project be included on the map of state expenditure information website by January 1, 2015.
- Requires agencies that receive an appropriation for a capital or transportation project to provide the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) with project-related contract and subcontract documents.

Hearing Date: 2/5/14

Staff: Amanda Ondrick (786-7296) and Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Under the State Budget and Accounting Act, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) maintains a comprehensive financial accounting and reporting system for all agencies of state government. This system accounts for revenues, expenditures, receipts, and disbursements, as well as statewide budget information.

The Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee was established in 1977 to be the Legislature's independent source of information and technology. The LEAP

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Committee provides fiscal information and technology for developing budgets and communicating budget decisions. It also tracks revenue, expenditure, and staffing activity.

In 2008 the Legislature directed the OFM to make publicly available a state expenditure information website that contains for the prior fiscal year: (1) state expenditures by fund or account; (2) expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram; (3) state revenues by source; (4) state expenditures by budget object and subobject; and (5) state agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measurements. This information is available on LEAP's "Washington State Fiscal Information" website.

In 2013 the Legislature directed the OFM to make available current and future capital project and transportation project investments coded with the geographic information sufficient to permit the public to search and identify appropriation and expenditure data at the project and subproject level. The LEAP updates the state expenditure information website to allow the public to search for capital budget and transportation projects by selecting from an online geographical map.

Summary of Bill:

By January 1, 2015, an electronic link to the contract for each capital budget and transportation project must be included on the map of state expenditure information website. Agencies that receive an appropriation for a capital or transportation project must provide the DES with project-related contract and subcontract documents or data requested by the DES in a format defined by the DES. The DES must work with LEAP to post the electronic link to the map.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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