

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5311

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As of February 4, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to removing the requirement that housing organizations apply to the Washington state quality award program.

**Brief Description:** Removing the requirement that housing organizations apply to the Washington state quality award program.

**Sponsors:** Senators Rolfes, Murray and Hatfield.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Governmental Operations: 2/07/13.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Sam Thompson (786-7413)

**Background:** In 1994, the Washington State Quality Award Council was established as a private, nonprofit corporation to recognize, through awards, excellence in performance in the private sector, and potentially to provide education and training. Later, state agencies and certain local government and private entities providing affordable housing were required to periodically apply to the council or a similar organization for an independent assessment of quality management, accountability, and performance. Intended to recognize best practices and identify opportunities for improvement, the assessment includes evaluating leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, employee management, and other matters.

**Summary of Bill:** A provision requiring certain local government and other entities providing affordable housing to apply to the Washington State Quality Award program for an assessment of quality management, accountability, and performance is deleted.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 3, 2013.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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