

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5804

As of February 21, 2013

Title: An act relating to federal receipts reporting requirements.

Brief Description: Addressing federal receipts reporting requirements.

Sponsors: Senators Baumgartner and Hill.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/21/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: State agencies administer funds allocated to the state by the federal government for a variety of programs, both as one-time grants and as on-going matching funds for federal programs administered by the state. State agencies may be authorized to expend federal funds either by an appropriation from the Legislature or by the unanticipated receipts process, where an agency receives approval from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to expend federal funds that were received by the agency while the Legislature is not in session.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Health, the Health Care Authority, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Early Learning, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction must report annually the amount of federal funds received and expended by the agency, and the percentage that the federal funds represents of the overall agency budget. The designated agencies must also develop contingency plans that reflect both a 5 percent and a 25 percent reduction in federal funding.

OFM must prepare an annual report to the Legislature that compiles and summarizes the information submitted by the designated state agencies.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 14, 2013.

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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 is a be prepared bill. Sequestration and other budget reductions at the federal level can have significant impacts on state programs and the delivery of services in Washington. This information will help the legislative and executive branches be better prepared for fluctuations in federal spending levels.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Baumgartner, prime sponsor.