Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

General Government & Information Technology Committee

HB 2125

Brief Description: Concerning information technology budget requests.

Sponsors: Representatives Parker, Hudgins, Wilcox, Ormsby and Magendanz.

Brief Summary of Bill

 Requires that agency budget requests for proposed information technology expenditures include certain information to support the Office of the Chief Information Officer's budget request evaluation process.

Hearing Date: 2/20/15

Staff: Derek Rutter (786-7157).

Background:

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) was created in 2011 within the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The OCIO is responsible for the preparation and implementation of a strategic information technology (IT) plan and enterprise architecture for the state. The OCIO works toward standardization and consolidation of IT infrastructure and establishes IT standards and policies, including state IT security policies. The OCIO also prepares a biennial state performance report on IT, evaluates current IT spending and budget requests, and oversees major IT projects.

In the 2014 supplemental operating budget, a proviso (Proviso) required agency budget requests for proposed IT expenditures to include certain information in conjunction with the OCIO's budget request evaluation process. Required information included the agency's priority ranking of each IT expenditure request, the estimated total cost of the request in the current biennium, the estimated total cost of the request over all biennia, and an expected timeline to complete the

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request. The Proviso also provided that the OCIO and the OFM may ask agencies to include additional information on such requests.

Summary of Bill:

Agency budget requests for proposed information technology expenditures must include the information required by the 2014 Proviso, namely (1) the agency's priority ranking of each information technology request, (2) the estimated cost of the request for the current biennium, (3) the estimated total cost of the request over all biennia, and (4) the expected timeline to complete the request. The OCIO and the OFM may also request that agencies include additional information on proposed information technology expenditure requests.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested.

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