

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6222

As of February 3, 2016

Title: An act relating to development of a one-stop portal for Washington businesses.

Brief Description: Concerning development of a one-stop portal for Washington businesses.

Sponsors: Senators Brown, Angel, Braun, Hewitt, Rolfes, Parlette and Mullet.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Trade & Economic Development: 1/13/16.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Jeff Olsen (786-7428)

Background: Executive Order 12-01 directed the state's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to work with the Department of Commerce (COM), the Department of Revenue (DOR), the Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA), and other executive agencies that license businesses or collect taxes to review the needs of the business community and evaluate technical options for creating an integrated enterprise system using a single system for business interactions with state agencies.

In 2013, legislation was enacted directing the OCIO, in collaboration with the DOR, COM, ORA, the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), the Secretary of State (SOS), and the Employment Security Department (ESD), to provide the Legislature with a plan for implementing a one-stop business portal. The legislation was contingent upon receiving funding in the omnibus appropriations act by June 30, 2013. Funding was not provided in the 2013 Operating Budget, and the reporting requirements expired contingent upon submittal of a progress report. In the 2014 Supplemental Operating Budget and the 2015-17 Operating Budget, the OCIO received appropriations to continue work on the one-stop business portal.

Summary of Bill: The OCIO must provide a plan to the economic development committees of the Legislature for implementing a one-stop integrated system for business interactions with government by November 30, 2016. The plan must include how the OCIO and other state agencies intend to collaborate with the business community in the development of the portal. The OCIO must submit annual progress reports beginning January 1, 2017 specifying

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how the OCIO and other state agencies are collaborating with the business community in the development of the one-stop business portal.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 7, 2016.

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: A one-stop business portal would be great for businesses in Washington to obtain the information they need in one location. In some cases, a business may be transferred multiple times within the same agency to obtain the information they need. A one-stop business portal can be a benefit for both state regulatory agencies and small businesses to retain and grow businesses in Washington.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Brown, prime sponsor; Sheri D Nelson, Assoc. of WA Business; Mark Johnson, Washington Retail Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.