

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6099

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Early Learning & K-12 Education, January 27, 2020

Title: An act relating to repealing the education accountability system oversight committee.

Brief Description: Repealing the education accountability system oversight committee.

Sponsors: Senators Hunt and Wilson, C.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/15/20, 1/27/20 [DP].

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminates the Education Accountability System Oversight Committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Holy, Hunt, McCoy, Mullet, Padden, Pedersen, Salomon and Wagoner.

Staff: Alex Fairfortune (786-7416)

Background: The Education Accountability System Oversight Committee (EASOC) was created in 2013 alongside provisions establishing the Washington Achievement Index, the state accountability system used to identify challenged schools needing improvement. In 2018, the state transitioned to the Washington School Improvement Framework after obtaining federal approval under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

EASOC's tasks include monitoring the progress and outcomes of the education accountability system and making recommendations for changes to the accountability system as necessary. EASOC is directed to report biennially to the legislative education committees. EASOC met once in 2014, but has never produced or submitted a report.

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EASOC is composed of two legislators from each caucus of the House of Representatives and the Senate, two appointees from the Governor, and one non-legislative member of the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Summary of Bill: EASOC is eliminated and all references to the committee within statute are repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This committee no longer meets so it should no longer be on the books.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Sam Hunt, Prime Sponsor.

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