

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6426

As of February 6, 2010

Title: An act relating to eliminating boards and commissions.

Brief Description: Eliminating certain boards and commissions.

Sponsors: Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Governor Gregoire.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: Boards, commissions, councils, and advisory committees (boards) fill a variety of roles. For example, some are responsible for licensing various activities, while others advise state agencies in matters ranging from procedure to technology. Often boards are created as a requirement for a federal grant. Some boards receive staff support from an agency. Members of some boards receive travel compensation and reimbursement from an agency.

Boards can be created in four ways:

1. by general statute giving an agency authority to create a board for one or more purposes;
2. by specific statute naming the board as well as its purpose, powers, and duties;
3. by executive order of the Governor; or
4. by order of the Supreme Court.

On December 16, 2008, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) released the revised version of a report entitled Review of Boards and Commissions: Pre-Audit. The JLARC report identified 470 boards and commissions currently operating, or not known to have been disbanded.

By January 8 of every odd-numbered year, the Governor must submit to the Legislature a report recommending which boards and commissions should be terminated or consolidated. The report must include executive request legislation implementing the recommendations of the report.

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Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): The following boards and commissions are suspended until July 1, 2012:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Board;
- State Council on Aging;
- American Indian Endowed Scholarship Advisory & Selection Committee;
- Auto Theft Prevention Authority (duties temporarily assumed by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs);
- Birth to Six Interagency Coordinating Council;
- Career and Technical Education Curricula Advisory Committee;
- Child Care Facility Fund Committee;
- Child Support Guidelines & Report Review Work Group;
- City and County Design Standards;
- Collection Agency Board;
- Committee on Legislative Old Timers Events;
- Community Transition Coordination Networks Advisory Committee;
- Office of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Advisory Committee;
- Drop-out Prevention State-Level Leadership Group;
- Economic Services Advisory Committee;
- Education Ombudsman Appointment Committee;
- Enhanced 911 Advisory Committee;
- Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board;
- Family to Family Advisory Group, Region 3;
- Financial Literacy Public-Private Partnership;
- Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Committee;
- Health Insurance Partnership Board;
- Health Professional Loan Repayment & Scholarship Advisory Committee;
- Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee;
- Joint Committee on Energy Supply;
- Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought;
- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy;
- Joint Legislative Task Force on Family Leave Insurance;
- Joint Legislative Task Force on Underground Economy in the Construction Industry;
- Joint Select Committee on Beer and Wine Regulation;
- Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board;
- Mathematics Advisory Panel & Science Advisory Panel;
- Medal of Merit Committee;
- Medicaid School Administrative Match Advisory Committee;
- Missing & Exploited Children Advisory Task Force;
- Oil Spill Advisory Council;
- Pacific Northwest Economic Region Delegate Council and Executive Committee;
- Select Committee on Pension Policy;
- Performance Agreement Committee;
- Private School Advisory Committee;
- Public Stadium Authority Advisory Committee;
- Recreation on State Trust Lands Work Group;
- Rehabilitation Council for the Department of Services for the Blind;

- Scholars Advisory & Selection Committee;
- School Bus Equipment & Specifications Committee;
- School Facilities Citizen Advisory Panel;
- Small Business Export Financial Assistance Center Board;
- State Medal of Valor Committee;
- State-Level Leadership Group;
- Survey Advisory Board.

The following boards and commissions are consolidated:

- The duties of the HIV Policy Collaborative are assumed by the HIV/AIDS Education Program Review Panel.
- The duties of the Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Advisory Board are assumed by the Traumatic Brain Injury Council.
- The duties of the Veterans Innovations Program Board are assumed by the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

The following boards and commissions are eliminated:

- Adult Family Home Advisory Committee;
- Citizens Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction;
- Citizens' Work Group on Health Care Reform;
- Commission on Vehicle Equipment Safety;
- Escrow Commission;
- Firearms Range Advisory Committee;
- Horse Park Authority;
- Joint Legislative Task Force on School Construction Funding;
- Main Street Advisory Committee;
- Mortgage Broker Commission;
- Study Committee on Public Infrastructure Programs and Funding Structures;
- Western States School Bus Safety Commission;
- Advisory Council on Adult Education;
- Airport Impact Mitigation Advisory Board;
- Athletic Training Advisory Committee;
- Basic Health Advisory Committee;
- Boards of Law Enforcement Training Standards and Board on Correctional Training Standards;
- Children and Families with Incarcerated Parents (aka Children of Incarcerated Parents Advisory Committee);
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- Combined Fund Drive Committee (duties assumed by the Department of Personnel);
- Committee on Agency Officials Salaries (duties assumed by Department of Personnel);
- Customer Advisory Board of the Department of Information Services (duties assumed by Office of Financial Management);
- Early Intervention for Children who are Deaf or have Hearing Loss Advisory Committee;
- Eastern State Hospital Board and Western State Hospital Board;

- Fire Protection Policy Board (duties assumed by Office of State Fire Marshall and Director of Fire Protection);
- Hazardous Substance Mixed Waste Advisory Board;
- Health and Welfare Advisory Board and Property and Liability Advisory Board;
- Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board;
- Higher Education Coordinating Board Advisory Council;
- Home Inspector Advisory Licensing Board (duties assumed by Department of Licensing);
- Industry Cluster Advisory Committee;
- Integrated Justice Information Board;
- K-20 Educational Network Board and K-20 Network Technical Steering Committee (duties assumed by Department of Information Services);
- Livestock Identification Advisory Board;
- McNeil Island Secure Community Transition Facility Operational Advisory Board;
- On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems Alternative Systems Technical Review Committee;
- On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems Advisory Committee;
- Orthotic and Prosthetics Advisory Committee;
- Real Estate Appraiser Commission;
- Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Advisory Board;
- Revenue - Simplified Sales and Use Tax Administration Advisory Group;
- Water Supply Advisory Committee;
- Well Drilling Technical Advisory Group.

By July 1, 2011, the Governor must make further recommendations to the Legislature on the suspension or elimination of state boards and commissions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains several effective dates. Please refer to the bill.