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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the efficiency, accountability, and
2 quality within state information systems; creating new sections; and
3 providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS. The
6 legislature finds the state and its citizens will benefit by maximizing
7 the efficient investment in and application of technology. The
8 legislature further finds that Washington state is a leader in
9 information technology and systems, in both the private and public
10 sectors. Significant investments have been made in information
11 technology and systems and the costs of those investments continue to
12 rise.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to achieve reform within the
14 state's approach to information technology and systems so that future
15 investments are sound and limited resources are used as efficiently as
16 possible. The legislature recognizes the state has undergone past
17 information technology and systems studies. However, this effort will
18 be focused on a collaborative action plan to implement recommendations.

1 A collaborative process will achieve widespread support for the
2 recommendations and bring forth creative and diverse approaches and
3 recommendations.

4 Improvements in information technology and systems will benefit the
5 state by:

6 (1) Improving business process efficiency through the appropriate
7 application of technology and system integration;

8 (2) Reducing information technology and systems costs by developing
9 a collaborative approach to future development; and

10 (3) Improving the quality and integrity of information used by the
11 state and our citizens.

12 Therefore, the information systems improvement committee is
13 created. The committee shall pursue a comprehensive examination of
14 information technology and systems investments and issues and develop
15 a set of recommendations to enhance the quality, accountability, and
16 efficiency of information systems in Washington state.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** INFORMATION SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

18 The information systems improvement committee is created.

19 (1) The committee consists of the following members:

20 (a) Two members from the house of representatives, one from each of
21 the two largest caucuses, to be appointed by the speaker of the house;

22 (b) Two members from the senate, one from each of the two largest
23 caucuses, to be appointed by the president of the senate;

24 (c) One representative from the office of financial management;

25 (d) One representative from the governor's office;

26 (e) One representative from the department of information services;

27 (f) One representative from the department of transportation;

28 (g) One representative designated by the higher education
29 coordinating board;

30 (h) One representative designated by the board of community and
31 technical colleges;

32 (i) One representative from the department of licensing;

33 (j) One representative from the department of ecology;

34 (k) One representative from the department of labor and industries;

35 (l) One representative from the employment security department;

36 (m) One representative from the office of the insurance
37 commissioner;

1 (n) One representative from the software industry to be appointed
2 by the governor;

3 (o) One representative from the hardware industry to be appointed
4 by the governor;

5 (p) One representative of state employees to be appointed by the
6 governor;

7 (q) One representative designated by the association of Washington
8 cities; and

9 (r) One representative designated by the Washington state
10 association of counties.

11 (2) The committee shall elect a chair from the four legislators
12 appointed to the committee. There will be a steering committee
13 comprised of the chair of the information systems improvement committee
14 and the representatives from the governor's office, office of financial
15 management, department of information systems, and the department of
16 licensing. The steering committee shall develop the meeting agendas
17 and appoint chairs to the technical subcommittees. The steering
18 committee may also add additional members to the information systems
19 improvement committee.

20 (3) Members of the committee may not be compensated but must
21 receive reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
22 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (4) The department of information services shall provide
24 administrative and clerical assistance to the committee. The
25 department may retain consultants to assist in facilitation of the
26 committee.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES. (1) The
28 committee is responsible for developing a series of recommendations for
29 improving information technology and systems across state and local
30 governments. The committee shall determine ways to maximize the state
31 investment in these areas, including an analysis of state provision of
32 services versus managed services. The committee, where possible, will
33 leverage the work of existing groups, efforts, and studies in order to
34 not duplicate efforts. The committee will develop an action plan using
35 a collaborative and inclusive process, in order to build consensus and
36 support for the recommendations.

1 (2) The committee shall create the following technical
2 subcommittees:

3 (a) Governance subcommittee, which shall make recommendations on
4 information technology planning, funding strategies, portfolio
5 ownership and management, and decision processes.

6 (b) Infrastructure management subcommittee, which shall make
7 recommendations regarding hardware, network, desktop and laptop
8 infrastructure. This committee shall focus on standardization,
9 procurement, and management. It shall also determine user
10 requirements, policies, and potential transition plans.

11 (c) Project delivery subcommittee, which shall make recommendations
12 regarding cost management, contract oversight, use and management of
13 on-call contractors and other project management best practices.

14 (d) Security and continuity committee, which shall make
15 recommendations for protecting data, maintaining critical functions in
16 an emergency, and recovering from such emergencies.

17 (e) Enterprise architecture committee, which shall design an
18 overarching information architecture that is supported by delivery
19 systems, hardware, software, and communications. This committee shall
20 also examine the data requirements necessary to share data between all
21 state agencies.

22 (3) Within six months from the first meeting of the committee, the
23 subcommittees shall develop an initial list of possible recommendations
24 in their technical area.

25 (4) The committee will provide a final report with recommendations
26 to the legislature and governor by September 1, 2011. The technical
27 subcommittee's recommendations must be approved by a majority of the
28 information systems improvement committee. The final report must
29 include specific actions to be taken by state agencies and plans for
30 implementing those actions. The report must also contain benchmarking
31 in the subject areas of the technical subcommittees. This benchmarking
32 must indicate where the state is currently, how the recommended actions
33 will increase the state's benchmarks, and how we compare to other
34 states.

35 (5) The committee shall develop a dispute resolution process to
36 resolve conflicts by September 1, 2010.

37 (6) The committee and technical subcommittees shall identify, where

1 possible, pilot projects to test the recommendations developed by the
2 subcommittees.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 31, 2012.

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