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By Senators Drew, Gaspard, Haugen, Quigley and Winsley; by request of State Treasurer

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1 AN ACT Relating to accountability in state government; amending RCW  
2 43.17.260; amending 1991 c 53 s 1 (uncodified); adding a new chapter to  
3 Title 43 RCW; and recodifying RCW 43.17.260.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Unless the context clearly requires  
6 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
7 chapter.

8 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state commission for  
9 efficiency and accountability in government.

10 (2) "Performance audit" means: (a) Identifying the appropriate  
11 statutory mandates and limitations that apply to a government agency;  
12 (b) determining whether an agency is complying with its statutory  
13 mandates; (c) recommending corrective action, if necessary; (d)  
14 identifying appropriate standards for management practices and  
15 operation; (e) determining the extent to which an agency is complying  
16 with the standards; and (f) recommending ways an agency can improve its  
17 performance and efficiency.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The commission shall conduct performance  
2 audits of each government entity identified in this section during the  
3 years listed under subsection (2) of this section and every eight years  
4 subsequently.

5        (2) The government entities to be audited under subsection (1) of  
6 this section and the years for the initial audit are as follows:

7        (a) 1994:

8            (i) Department of labor and industries;

9            (ii) Department of wildlife; and

10           (iii) State lottery commission;

11        (b) 1995:

12           (i) Department of general administration;

13           (ii) Department of information services;

14           (iii) Department of licensing; and

15           (iv) Department of revenue;

16        (c) 1996:

17           (i) Department of ecology;

18           (ii) Employment security department;

19           (iii) Washington state gambling commission; and

20           (iv) Washington state liquor control board; and

21        (d) 1997:

22           (i) Office of the insurance commissioner;

23           (ii) State investment board; and

24           (iii) State treasurer.

25        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The government entity being audited shall  
26 pay the cost of performance audits conducted by the commission.

27        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The commission shall, under chapter 39.29  
28 RCW, obtain and utilize the services of private firms with sufficient  
29 professional staff possessing the education, training, and practical  
30 experience auditing private and governmental entities necessary to  
31 conduct the performance audits required under this chapter.

32        **Sec. 5.**    RCW 43.17.260 and 1987 c 480 s 1 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34        (1) There is hereby created a (~~temporary~~) commission to be known  
35 as the Washington state commission for efficiency and accountability in  
36 government(~~(, hereafter referred to as the commission)~~).

1 (2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members as follows:

2 (a) Six members appointed by the governor including but not limited  
3 to representatives from private sector business and industry, labor  
4 unions, and public interest organizations;

5 (b) Three members appointed jointly by the president of the senate  
6 and speaker of the house including but not limited to representatives  
7 from private sector business and industry, labor unions, and public  
8 interest organizations;

9 (c) One representative from each of the four legislative caucuses  
10 to be appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the  
11 house; and

12 (d) The governor shall be a member and the chair of the commission.  
13 The vice-chair shall be selected by the commission.

14 (3) Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
15 for attending meetings of the commission as provided for in RCW  
16 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for  
17 travel expenses for attending meetings of the commission as provided  
18 for in RCW 44.04.120.

19 **Sec. 6.** 1991 c 53 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:  
20 Sections 2 through 5 of this act shall expire December 31, 1995.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.17.260 is recodified as a new section  
22 in chapter 43.-- RCW (sections 1 through 4 of this act).

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall  
24 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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