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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Reardon, Rossi, Roach, Poulsen, Hewitt, Shin, Doumit, Zarelli, Eide, Kline, Stevens, Keiser, McCaslin, West, Hale, McAuliffe, Parlette, Rasmussen, Sheahan and Schmidt)

Brief Description: Assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of state government.

SB 5909-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/18/03)

Finds that: (1) Public confidence in government is essential. Public programs must continuously improve in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in order to increase public trust;

(2) Washington state government and other entities that receive tax dollars must continuously improve the way they operate and deliver services so citizens receive maximum value for their tax dollars;

(3) State government must establish priorities for the delivery of governmental services and continually reassess the ability of state agencies, programs, and activities to contribute to those priorities. The highest priority programs must be evaluated to determine if they are operating at maximum efficiency, while the lowest priority programs must be assessed to determine their continued viability;

(4) Fair, independent, professional performance audits of state agencies by the state auditor are essential to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.