

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6818

Chapter 326, Laws of 2008

(partial veto)

60th Legislature
2008 Regular Session

STATE EXPENDITURES--TRANSPARENCY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/08

Passed by the Senate March 11, 2008
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 7, 2008
YEAS 94 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 1, 2008, 4:28 p.m., with
the exception of section 4 which is
vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of
the Senate of the State of
Washington, do hereby certify that
the attached is **SENATE BILL 6818**
as passed by the Senate and the
House of Representatives on the
dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

April 2, 2008

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SENATE BILL 6818

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2008 Regular Session

State of Washington **60th Legislature** **2008 Regular Session**

By Senators Oemig, Brandland, Tom, Zarelli, Kastama, Weinstein,
Kilmer, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

Read first time 01/24/08. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

1 AN ACT Relating to transparency in state expenditures; adding a new
2 section to chapter 44.48 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.88
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The intent of the legislature is to make
7 state revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publicly
8 accessible as is feasible. Increasing the ease of public access to
9 state budget data, particularly where the data are currently available
10 from disparate internal government sources but are difficult for the
11 public to collect and efficiently aggregate, significantly contributes
12 to governmental accountability, public participation, agency
13 efficiency, and open government.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.48 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) By January 1, 2009, in collaboration with the office of
17 financial management, using existing databases and structures currently
18 shared, the office of the legislative evaluation and accountability

1 program committee shall establish and make available to the public a
2 searchable state expenditure information web site. The state
3 expenditure information web site shall provide access to current budget
4 data, access to current accounting data for budgeted expenditures and
5 staff, and access to historical data. At a minimum, the web site will
6 provide access or links to the following information as data are
7 available:

- 8 (a) State expenditures by fund or account;
- 9 (b) State expenditures by agency, program, and subprogram;
- 10 (c) State revenues by major source;
- 11 (d) State expenditures by object and subobject;
- 12 (e) State agency workloads, caseloads, and performance measures,
13 and recent performance audits; and
- 14 (f) State agency budget data by activity.

15 (2) "State agency," as used in this section, includes every state
16 agency, office, board, commission, or institution of the executive,
17 legislative, or judicial branches, including institutions of higher
18 education.

19 (3) The state expenditure information web site shall be updated
20 periodically as subsequent fiscal year data become available, and the
21 prior year expenditure data shall be maintained by the legislative
22 evaluation and accountability program committee as part of its ten-year
23 historical budget data.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The office of financial management shall make electronically
27 available to the public a database of state agency contracts for
28 personal services required to be filed with the office of financial
29 management under chapter 39.29 RCW.

30 (2) The state expenditure information web site described in section
31 2 of this act shall include a link to the office of financial
32 management database described in subsection (1) of this section.

33 *NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 (1) *Upon the release of each proposed omnibus appropriations act
36 and final enacted budget, the legislative evaluation and accountability*

1 committee shall prepare and cause to be posted on a publicly accessible
2 web site a presentation consisting of potential examples of the types
3 and levels of educational programs and services supported by funding
4 provided in the proposed or enacted omnibus appropriations act under
5 specified allocations for the support of common schools.

6 (2) The purpose of the presentation created in subsection (1) of
7 this section is to make transparent to the public, using categories and
8 terms that are readily understood, examples of the type and level of
9 educational programs and services supported by funding appropriated in
10 the omnibus appropriations act under specified programs for support of
11 the common schools. Such transparency promotes better public
12 understanding of the state resources provided to support the common
13 schools. The information in the presentation is for illustrative
14 purposes only. It is not intended, nor is it to be construed, to
15 represent how state allocations are actually used by individual school
16 districts, nor how school districts are expected or required to expend
17 state allocations.

18 (3) Each legislative evaluation and accountability program
19 committee presentation prepared under this section shall provide
20 estimates for the following items, based on the level of state funding
21 appropriated in the budget bill for which the presentation is prepared
22 and for the school year immediately following the legislative session
23 in which the bill is considered:

24 (a) For the general apportionment program:

25 (i) Estimated state-funded class size in elementary, middle, and
26 high school grade spans;

27 (ii) Average state-funded teacher salary, total teacher
28 compensation, administrator salary, and classified staff salary;

29 (iii) Estimated number of state-funded staff of various
30 classifications in a hypothetical average-sized school; and

31 (iv) Estimated amount per pupil for nonemployee related costs,
32 including a breakdown of the per pupil amount by selected major
33 categories of expenditure;

34 (b) For the learning assistance program, the transitional bilingual
35 program, and the highly capable student program: Estimated hours of
36 additional instruction per week in each program;

37 (c) For the special education excess cost allocation: Estimated
38 amount per eligible student;

1 (d) For the promoting academic success program: Estimated hours of
2 remediation for various types of students, hours of teacher planning
3 time, and class size; and

4 (e) For the student achievement fund: Estimated amount per pupil
5 in each category of use of the funds under RCW 28A.505.210 and
6 estimated staffing or additional instructional time supported by the
7 funds in a hypothetical average-sized school.

8 (4) Each document shall also contain a brief narrative description
9 of how the estimates provided under subsection (3) of this section were
10 calculated and the major assumptions behind the calculations.
11 Estimates may be developed using documented expenditure patterns of
12 school districts, best practices, or other sources of information.

**Sec. 4 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

Passed by the Senate March 11, 2008.

Passed by the House March 7, 2008.

Approved by the Governor April 1, 2008, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 2, 2008.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, Senate Bill
6818 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to transparency in state expenditures."

Section 4 of this bill would have the Legislative Evaluation and
Accountability Program prepare and post to the web a presentation
about school funding programs and categories. The Joint Task Force on
Basic Education is currently reviewing basic education funding, and
will produce a recommendation for a new K-12 funding framework for
consideration by the Legislature during the 2009 session. One of the
criteria for the new funding system is that it be more transparent.
Because the categories and cost allocations specified in Section 4
will be outdated and need to be changed very soon, I am concerned
that this provision could cause more, rather than less, confusion
about how the state funds K-12 education.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Senate Bill 6818.

With the exception of Section 4, Senate Bill 6818 is approved."