

Comments on SB 2422: E-Government Services Fund and Oversight Committee

SUMMARY:

The bill establishes a fund for appropriations to be made to, but it does not appropriate monies to the fund.

It also creates an oversight committee composed of:

1. Executive Director, ITS—would serve as chairman
2. State Auditor
3. State Treasurer
4. Secretary of State
5. Executive Director, DFA
6. Attorney General
7. Chairman, State Tax Commission
8. Lt. Governor
9. Speaker of the House, and
10. the Governor.

The bill provides for the election of a vice-chair of the oversight committee but not a chairman.

In lines 54-59, all agencies are required to cooperate with the oversight committee.

NOTES:

With the exception of establishing the fund, you can accomplish this by Executive Order. Each of the oversight committee members listed above have a legitimate reason for being on the committee; however, there are too few agency directors involved in this committee.

Lines 36-39 refer to “promoting economic development” but the oversight committee does not include MDA or private sector interests. In an executive order, you could name any number of agency directors to an oversight committee, such as: MDA, DEQ, Health, Wildlife, or Public Safety.

Although this bill is well intentioned, I believe that we can write a better executive order to address the issues of e-government.

Recommendation: VETO

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