

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 2 – 3

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Freeman, Kotek

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Girod, Thomsen

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 20, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to establish policies, methods, and means by which it and other public agencies, by intergovernmental agreement, will manage motor pool resources cost-effectively and efficiently. Also requires DAS to work with other public agencies to evaluate different alternatives and their effectiveness before adopting a particular policy, method, or means. DAS is directed to report each biennium to the Legislative Assembly on its actions taken under the bill and their costs, benefits, and effectiveness.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to proactively mine for opportunities in the area of motor pool services
- Contextual information in the fiscal impact statement regarding the DAS motor pool
- Bill doesn't mandate elimination or consolidation of services
- Bill requires DAS to take the lead and reach out to local governments
- Some collaboration has already occurred, but much more could be done

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: The -A6 amendments clarify that DAS cannot unilaterally modify intergovernmental agreements; the Department must consult and coordinate with the affected public agency when developing changes to those agreements.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2920 (2009) created the Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision. The Task Force was charged with reviewing state and county shared services in four areas: Assessment and Taxation, Elections, Human Services, and Criminal Justice, with the objective of considering a redistribution of functions in those areas. It examined the system of delivering services, with a focus on restructuring government to be more effective and cost-efficient. Its recommendations aimed to achieve clarification and rationalization of what currently exists, and how functions can be transferred when warranted.

The Task Force Subcommittee on Criminal Justice put forth a recommendation for encouraging DAS Fleet Management and local agencies to foster increased partnership and consolidation of motor pool services. House Bill 2854 is a result of that recommendation.