

SB 72 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies statutes relating to administration of state agencies. Removes declaration that travel awards obtained while conducting state business are personal gain. Deletes requirement that state agencies manage travel awards earned by their employees traveling on state business. Allows Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to rent unused office space to private persons at prescribed rates, unused non-office space to any person at market rate, and meeting spaces to any person engaged in specified activities. Expands state exemption from local parking codes to newly acquired state buildings. Standardizes definition of "state agency" for purposes of collecting debts owed to the state. Exempts Judicial Department, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer from requirement to report liquidated and delinquent debt to DAS. Removes provisions related to consumer price index. Requires DAS to identify barriers to telecommuting for state employees and solutions to promote telecommuting.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) supports the operation of state government by providing a wide range of services to state agencies, including accounting, technology, human resources, facilities, fleet and parking, payroll, and procurement. Senate Bill 72 A:

- Eliminates the obligation of DAS to manage travel awards, earned by employees conducting state business, for the purpose of reducing the costs of state travel.
- Consolidates statutes relating to the rental of state property.
- Exempts newly acquired state buildings from local parking regulations in exchange for payments to transit districts.
- Standardizes the definition of "state agency," and includes semi-independent state agencies, across several statutes relating to debt collection.
- Eliminates the obligation of DAS to report to the Legislative Assembly certain information relating to telecommuting and directs DAS to work with state agencies to identify barriers to telecommuting, as well as solutions that promote telecommuting.