

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1525

Reducing the impact of regulatory provisions on small businesses

PROGRAM IMPACTS

The bill adds requirements to the process for developing Small Business Economic Impact Statements (SBEIS) under RCW 19.85.

The bill:

- Adds a definition of minor cost;
- Directs agencies to include an estimate of the number of jobs that will be created or lost as the result of compliance with the proposed rule;
- Adds the requirement to the SBEIS that if an agency determines it cannot reduce the costs imposed by the rule on small businesses, the agency shall provide a clear explanation of why it has made that determination and include that statement with the rule proposal;
- Allow for SBEIS documents to be selectively reviewed by the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee (JARRC); and
- Allow for any person affected by the proposed rule to petition for a JARRC review of the SBEIS.

RESOURCE IMPACTS

No additional resources were provided or requested to implement this bill.

WORK PLAN

Ecology will add the new requirements to the existing process for completing Small Business Economic Impact Statements as part of agency rule making. Ecology plans to use the Office of Financial Management's "input/output model" to complete the employment impact estimates. This model estimates employment impacts based on cost and gain impacts by business sector.

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