

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AUDITS**

**May 17, 2005 Hearing Room D**

**8:30 A.M. Tapes 76 - 77**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:           Rep. Jerry Krummel, Chair**

**Rep. Tom Butler, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Diane Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Alan Brown**

**Rep. Jackie Dingfelder**

**STAFF PRESENT:           Jim Keller, Committee Administrator**

**Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Department of Administrative Services – Informational Meeting**

**Department of Environmental Quality – Informational Meeting**

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002 Chair Krummel Calls the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Appoints himself and Rep. Brown as a sub-committee for the purpose of taking testimony. Opens the informational meeting on the Department of Administrative Services to review the user fees and assessments.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

012 Bill Fink Deputy Administrator, Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Submits and explains the chart on user fees and assessments **(EXHIBIT A)**.

039 Chair Krummel Inquires about surplus services.

041 Fink Responds surplus makes available used supplies and vehicles for sale.

060 Rep. Brown Inquires about the supplies that cannot be sold.

062 Fink Responds surplus does not accept products that cannot be sold. Responds about the services used to market the products such as public sales, and eBay. Explains the Information Resource Management is a large source of user fees and assessments.

086 Chair Krummel Acknowledges Rep. Rosenbaum's presence and opens as a quorum.

089 Fink Explains the amounts of user fees and assessments for different departments on page one. Explains the LINUS program for the legislative measure tracking system. Explains enterprise fees.

148 Chair Krummel Inquires if every agency pays the assessment.

154 Fink Responds about the benefits of enterprise planning. Comments that there is a small flat-fee for smaller agencies.

182 Chair Krummel Inquires about the budget limits amounts.

201 Fink Responds about the budget limitation and the balance.

213 Chair Krummel Inquires about the formula and ratio.

218 Fink Responds he will research the information. Comments on the E-government flat fees for large agencies and notes it is based on FTE for small agencies. Explains the process for setting rates and assessments. Comments on the difficulties for determining fees and rates for small agencies. States they identify the programs, the resource threshold to operate, build the budget, add policy packages and the total cost is allocated based on FTE. Comments adjustments are made if costs will land on small agencies.

321 Fink Explains what can be found in the List of Goods and Services. Comments on the data and video fees and are user governed.

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003 Chair Krummel Inquires about what drives the budget.

010 Fink Explains the factors in which the budget is driven by.

024 Chair Krummel Comments on the determining factors for the charges.

042 Fink Responds about the educating the users on the prices and how the charges are built.

055 Chair Krummel Comments about the fear of complaining about the charges. Inquires why the agencies are paying assessments and user fess.

093 Fink Responds it appears the agencies are paying twice and explains the services every agency benefits from. Explains the allocation of the fees and the reason for the assessments and fess for one service. Concurs with Rep. Krummel about the need for better communication in regards to charges and the reason thereof.

165 Chair Krummel Expresses concern in regards to agencies not understanding the charges. Inquires if there is a statement given out to the agencies showing the charges.

180 Fink Responds the statement is not detailed.

207 Chair Krummel Closes the informational meeting on the Department on Administrative Services and opens the informational meeting on the Department of Environmental Quality.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY- INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

210	Chair Krummel	Refers to the draft letter and explains changes made to the recommendations ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
226	Rep. Butler	Comments the partial review is important.
230	Chair Krummel	Explains recommendation two.
241	Rep. Butler	Comments on the language regarding the review or an independent review.
256	Chair Krummel	States he will change the language to independent review. Explains the additional recommendations.
278	Rep. Butler	Comments about the reserve funds.
293	Chair Krummel	Explains the recommendation five for the House Environment Committee.
307	Rep. Butler	Comments on former testimony of Andy Ginsburg.
340	Chair Krummel	Responds about the recommendation for the House Environment Committee.
345	Rep. Butler	Concurs.
348	Rep. Dingfelder	Comments she supports recommendation number five and comments on the standards for attainment.
366	Chair Krummel	Responds the Environment Committee could look at the issues.
381	Rep. Butler	Inquires if Washington has a similar test on their vehicles.
386	Margaret Allifen	Department of Environmental Quality. Concurs.
390	Rep. Butler	Reiterates that there is an air study being conducted in which can be researched.

409 Chair Krummel Explains recommendation number six.

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002 Rep. Butler Motions to approve the letter with changes for submission.

006 Rep. Dingfelder Expresses concern over recommendation number six.

038 Rep. Butler Motions that the letter be submitted, with changes discussed.

040 Rep. Dingfelder Expresses concern about increasing admissions.

050 Allifen Responds about the sunset date for the program.

058 Chair Krummel Concurs with Rep. Butler and states he will take the reference to the timeframe out, address the changes discussed and comments the letter will be sent. Adjourns the meeting 9: 45 a.m.

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. Department of Administrative Services, chart, Bill Fink, 2 pp
- B. Department of Environmental Quality, draft letter, staff, 4 pp