## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED) 1 B996

Hearing Date: Thursday February 06, 2014

Committee On: Executive Board

Introducer: McGill

One Liner: Require state agencies to respond to legislative requests for information

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Avery, Chambers, Christensen, Karpisek, Krist,

Lathrop, Wightman

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Campbell

**Present Not Voting:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Amanda McGill Introducer
Loran Schmit Self

Opponents: Representing:

Rhonda Lahm Department of Motor Vehicles

Bo Botelho Department of Administrative Services

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 996 requires state agencies, which is defined to be any state entity which receives appropriations from the Legislature, to provide access to information requested by the Legislature not more than four business days after receipt of the request.

If access cannot be provided within four days, the agency must explain in writing the legal basis for denying access or, if more time is needed, the agency must provide a written explanation as to why more time is needed, and when the request will be fulfilled.

## **Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment clarifies that a request for information may be denied on the basis that it is information that may be withheld under the Public Records Act or other appropriate legal basis.

John Wightman, Chairperson