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Sectional Analysis for SB 195 – Bill Version B

"An Act relating to the Office of Management and Budget; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: Powers and Duties of the Director

Powers and duties of the OMB director are expanded to include:

- Advising the Governor on improving state agency business processes and enhancing government accountability.
- Collecting and analyzing data to identify areas for state agency performance improvement.
- Regularly publishing updates on state agency progress, strategic plans, and performance on the Office of the Governor's website.

Section 2: Functions and duties of the office; authority to establish coordinating and advisory planning groups

Functions and duties of OMB are expanded to include:

- Collaborating with state agencies to enhance their responsiveness and improve the quality of customer service, with an emphasis on providing prompt and positive responses.
- Conducting regular reviews of state agency procedures and regulations to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness.
- Advocating for the adoption of process improvement strategies within state agencies to increase efficiency and responsiveness to the public.
- Supporting state agencies in implementing cost optimization strategies to ensure optimal operations and cost efficiency.
- Assisting state agencies in implementing recommendations from the legislative audit division's reports to eliminate duplication, fraud, and waste.
- Providing policymakers and the public with accurate and timely data concerning the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of state agencies' services.
- Coordinating with and advising state agencies in the development of their strategic and performance plans.
- Monitoring and evaluating state agencies' progress in completing strategic and performance plans.
- Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas to continually enhance the delivery of government services.

Section 3: Cooperation

A new section is added requiring state agency cooperation with OMB

- State agencies are mandated to cooperate with the OMB Director and promptly respond to inquiries made by the Director.
- Agencies must provide requested information that pertains to the functions and duties of the OMB, as specified in AS 44.19.145.
- Agencies are required to make their commissioner or another designated agency leader available for consultation with the OMB.

Section 4: Definitions

Two new definitions are added to AS 44.19.152

- Performance: The ability of a state agency to achieve its objectives and deliver products or services efficiently to both internal and external consumers of the products or services
- State Agency: A department, institution, board, commission, division, authority, public corporation, committee, or other administrative unit of the executive branch of state government
 - Includes the University of Alaska, Alaska Railroad Corporation, and the Alaska Aerospace Corporation

Section 5: Effective Date

This bill would take effect January 1, 2025