SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 161 By Senator Murray

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Provides for restitution of audit costs. (8/1/14)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds provisions requiring a finding of fraud, theft, or other misappropriation before the attorney general is authorized to seek recovery of the costs of the legislative auditor.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all costs incurred by the legislative auditor to audit, investigate, or report possible fraud, theft, or other misappropriation shall be recoverable by civil suit against the responsible party.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the attorney general, upon a finding of fraud, theft, or other misappropriation and at the request of the legislative auditor, to seek recovery on behalf of the auditor of these costs through civil suit against the responsible party.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the attorney general in the civil suit shall be recoverable from the responsible party.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the attorney general or the local district attorney prosecuting such crimes to also seek restitution.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "responsible party" as the person or entity actually responsible for the misappropriation.

(Adds R.S. 24:524)

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