
Summary of Recommendations

- The utilities and Department of Commerce should correct the methodological problems in the utilities' benefit-cost estimates (p. 38).
- The Legislature should give the Department of Commerce the authority to switch CIP from a two-year to a four-year program, and the department should increase the level of scrutiny that each plan receives (p. 51).
- The Department of Commerce should eliminate the restriction on communication between its analysts and the policy staff (p. 56).
- The Department of Commerce should submit to the 2006 Legislature a plan for improving the performance, evaluation, and oversight of low-income CIP projects (p. 61).
- The Department of Commerce should move the responsibility of reviewing CIP plans for municipal and cooperative utilities from its policy staff to its analysts (p. 62).