

**Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
Committee**  
*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

SB 486, relative to the administrative procedure act.

**Hearing Date:** January 8, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:02 a.m. **Time Closed:** 9:08 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill revises the procedures of the administrative procedure act.

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**Sponsors:**

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| Sen. Lang    | Sen. Gannon  | Sen. Pearl  |
| Sen. Carson  | Sen. Watters | Sen. Murphy |
| Sen. Innis   | Rep. Grote   | Rep. Layon  |
| Rep. Moffett |              |             |

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**Who supports the bill:** Sen. Lang, Sen. Innis, Sen. Pearl, Rep. Carol McGuire, Director Douglas Osterhoudt (OLS Division of Admin. Rules), Curtis Howland, Cynthia Williams, James Williams, Angela Ferrari.

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** Allyson Raadmae (DHHS).

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Tim Lang**

- This bill is a modernization and revision of administrative procedures.
- For example, some simple form changes needed to comply with new law (e.g., a fee change) would require a cumbersome process to get approval. The goal of the legislation is to streamline such cases where there are non-substantive changes.
- There is also an amendment being offered, which amends the interim rule process for clarity and efficiency.

**Director Douglas Osterhoudt (OLS Division of Admin. Rules)**

- Expresses agreement with Sen. Lang and explains the origin of the bill came from prior work with the existing statute being difficult.
- Additionally, no citations would change as a result of this legislation.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:**

None.

**Neutral Information Presented:**

None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 12, 2026