

#### Background, Law Changes, Effects on other Agencies

#### **Corporations and Charities Division**

# What does the division do?

- Register 70% of all new businesses in Washington
- New business filings represent 20% of our workload, 80% of our workload is entity maintenance records and other program filings
- Record documents as presented by the customer, we are ministerial by statute, we do not have regulatory authority



# Law changes in 2016

- SB 5030 includes changes to internal LLC operations and some changes to reporting
- SB 5387 (RCW 23.95) "HUB" unifies filing processes between entity types and creates options for commercial registered agents



 All foreign entities now file the same Foreign Entity Registration. Each of the types such as Corporations, LLCs, LPs, and Nonprofit Corporations file the same forms to register or make changes in Washington State.

 A listing was created for Commercial Registered Agents. Commercial Agents can file a listing statement that establishes their registration and allows more flexibility in the way they manager their clients.

• Noncommercial Registered Agents serve the same role that a regular registered agent did in the past.

 When selecting or making changes to a registered agent you must now file a Designation of Registered Agent form.

#### Summary

 Most domestic and foreign entities now file the same Annual Report and Amended Annual Report.

 Annual reports require different information such as **Principal Office** replaced Principal Place of Business, S terminology of "Governors" have replaced "Governing Persons", titles and addresses of Governors are no longer collected (except Profit Corporations still require an address for each Governor)

 Domestic Entities now have 120 days to correct missed filings before being administratively dissolved. Previously it Was 60 days.

Foreign Entities remain the same at 60 days delinquency.

• These and other changes can be found in **RCW 23.95** and **RCW 25.15** 

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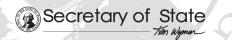
#### Questions?

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