

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5042

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As Passed Senate, March 1, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to ordinance information pooling.

**Brief Description:** Directing cities and towns to deliver copies of new ordinances to the municipal research council.

**Sponsors:** Senators Winsley and Haugen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 1/19/95, 1/24/95 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/1/95, 48-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, McCaslin and Winsley.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** Each code city must provide the Association of Washington Cities with three copies of all ordinances of general application. This has given rise to an argument that if the ordinance is not so provided, it is invalid. In addition, it is suggested that these ordinances should be sent to the Municipal Research Council rather than the Association of Washington Cities, which does not serve as a collection agency for city ordinances.

**Summary of Bill:** The clerk of every city or town is directed, rather than mandated, to provide to the Municipal Research Council a copy of each of its regulatory ordinances promptly after their adoption.

The provision that each code city provide three copies of each of its ordinances of general application to the Association of Washington Cities is eliminated.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill changes the law to match what is needed, and what actually happens.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Stan Finkelstein, Association of Washington Cities.