

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6135

As Passed Senate, January 29, 1996

Title: An act relating to using gender-neutral language in Title 35A RCW.

Brief Description: Using gender-neutral language in Title 35A RCW.

Sponsors: Senators Fairley, Winsley and Kohl.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 1/18/96 [DP].
Passed Senate, 1/29/96, 41-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

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

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Background: State law mandates that all statutes, memorials, and resolutions enacted, adopted, or amended by the Legislature after July 1, 1983 be written in gender-neutral terms unless a specification of gender is intended. Numerous sections of Title 35A (optional municipal code) contain nongender-neutral terms.

Summary of Bill: Title 35A (optional municipal code) is revised to utilize gender-neutral language.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: It is part of a continuing effort to make all statutes gender neutral.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Fairley, prime sponsor (pro).