

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2506

As Reported by House Committee On:
Judiciary

Title: An act relating to technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

Sponsors: Representative Goodman; by request of Statute Law Committee.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Judiciary: 1/11/10, 1/14/10 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Makes technical corrections to various sections of the Revised Code of Washington.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Pedersen, Chair; Goodman, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Shea, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Flannigan, Kelley, Kirby, Ormsby, Roberts, Ross and Warnick.

Staff: Courtney Barnes (786-7194).

Background:

Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, recodified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering, or drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process. References to these sections or subsections in other provisions of the RCW then become incorrect. A bill may change a particular term and references to these terms in other provisions of the RCW become inaccurate.

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In a given legislative session, two or more bills may amend the same section of the RCW without reference to each other. These are called "double" or "multiple" amendments. Usually there are no substantive conflicts between double amendments, and the amendments may be merged. In the event that multiple amendments substantively conflict and cannot be merged, the last amendment that was passed controls.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. The technical corrections include changes to correct inaccurate references to terms that have been changed and inaccurate cross-references resulting from amendments, recodifications, or repealers. In addition, sections of the RCW are re-enacted to merge double amendments.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The substitute bill makes technical corrections to delete a duplicate word and remove an erroneous reference. Additional double amendments are merged in the substitute bill.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Part of the duty of the Statute Law Committee is to review the RCW for inaccuracies and errors. Substantive or controversial corrections are not included in the bill. The bill makes purely technical corrections to the RCW.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Kyle Thiessen, Statute Law Committee.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.