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

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman, Rodne, Pedersen, Hudgins, Chase and Upthegrove.

Background:

Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, re-codified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering. Other drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process.

In one 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 re-enacted and merged together.

Under the Washington State Constitution, bills enacted during a legislative session will take effect 90 days after the adjournment of that session, except for those laws that are necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, or safety, or support of state government (usually designated as bills with an emergency clause). It is not clear whether a bill that passed during the 2010 1st Special Session with an effective date prior to July 13, 2010, but without an emergency clause would take effect on the designated date.

Summary:

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. The bill makes the following changes:

• corrects inaccurate references to terms and statutes that have been amended, re-codified, or repealed;
• re-enacts certain sections of the RCW to merge double amendments;
• replaces references to "the Department of Transportation's six-year investment program" with "the Office of Financial Management's ten-year investment program;"

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• corrects a drafting error related to the calculation for the minimum contribution rate for various retirement systems;
• replaces a reference to the "county assessor" with the "county auditor;"
• corrects a drafting error related to a reference to a delayed effective date clause in a 2010 Regular Legislative Session law that took effect immediately pursuant to an emergency clause;
• removes the reference that repeals the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review Panel; and
• aligns effective dates to allow specified sections of a bill enacted in the 2010 1st Special Legislative Session to take effect June 30, 2010.

Votes on Final Passage:

First Special Session

    House  94  0
    Senate  42  0

Effective:  July 13, 2010
            June 30, 2010 (Sections 11-13)

Partial Veto Summary: The provision restoring the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking (PIRT) Review Panel is vetoed. The PIRT Review Panel is eliminated as a statutory committee.