

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5043

---

As Passed Senate, March 11, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to adoption of codes and statutes by reference by code cities.

**Brief Description:** Revising procedures for adoption of codes and statutes by reference by code cities.

**Sponsors:** Senators Winsley and Haugen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 1/17/95, 1/19/95 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/11/95, 47-0.

---

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Diane Smith (786-7410)

**Background:** There is a basic adoption-by-reference statute for all cities and towns. This statute requires that at least one copy of any code or statute which an ordinance proposes to adopt by reference be filed in the office of city or town clerk.

The adoption-by-reference statute for code cities also requires that a copy of the code or statute adopted by reference be authenticated and recorded by the clerk along with the adopting ordinance.

**Summary of Bill:** The additional requirements of authentication and recordation of the code or statute which the ordinance incorporates by reference, by the clerk along with the adopting ordinance are removed from the code cities' adoption-by-reference statute.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill will close a technical loophole for DUI defense lawyers.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Jim Justin, AWC (pro).