

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5294

As Passed Senate, March 2, 1995

Title: An act relating to retirement provisions for municipal fire fighters.

Brief Description: Paying for fire fighters' retirement provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Sheldon, Winsley, C. Anderson, Haugen, Palmer and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/9/95, 2/14/95 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/2/95, 48-0.

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: A volunteer fire fighter's relief and pension principal fund exists in the state treasury as a trust fund for volunteer fire fighters who are members of municipal fire departments.

If a municipal corporation allows its volunteer fire fighters to enroll in the pension system that is funded by the relief and pension fund, then an annual \$60 per fire fighter fee must be paid, one-half by the municipality and one-half by the fire fighter.

Summary of Bill: The municipality is given the authority to pay voluntarily the fire fighter's share of the \$60 per year fee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This bill legalizes a current practice in local jurisdictions which contribute the full \$60 per year for their volunteer fire fighters. It is a local option matter.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Mike Brown; Gordon Walgren, WA Fire Chiefs Assn.