

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1058

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising editorial standards for the RCW.

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman and Rodne; by request of Statute Law Committee.

House Committee on Judiciary
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Background:

The Office of the Code Reviser (Code Reviser) is a legislative agency whose responsibilities include codifying into the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) all enacted laws of a general and permanent nature. The Code Reviser is allowed to edit and revise these laws for consolidation into the RCW to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by the Code Reviser. The Code Reviser may only make changes that are authorized by statute and do not change the meaning of the law.

Summary:

The provision is removed that gives the Code Reviser the authority to divide long sections of a law into two or more sections. The Code Reviser may alphabetize definition sections when doing so will not change the meaning or effect of such sections.

Unless it may be necessary to retain the following information to determine the full intent of the law, the Code Reviser is given the authority to:

- omit severability clauses;
- remove annotations that have appeared in the published RCW for more than 10 years; and
- omit section captions, part headings, subheadings, tables of contents, and indexes appearing in legislative bills.

Annotations that have appeared in the published RCW for more than 10 years will be retained and available in the electronic copy of the RCW, which is available on the Code Reviser's website.

Votes on Final Passage:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

House 94 0
Senate 43 0

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