

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5231

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*As Passed House*

*April 17, 1991*

**Title:** An act relating to real estate continuing education.

**Brief Description:** Providing that examinations not be required for real estate licensees' continuing education.

**Sponsor(s):** Senator McCaslin.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:

Commerce & Labor, April 5, 1991, DPA;

Passed House, April 17, 1991, 95-0.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE & LABOR**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass as amended.* Signed by 10 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; and Wilson.

**Staff:** Jim Kelley (786-7166).

**Background:** A real estate broker or salesperson must complete 30 hours of state-approved continuing education course work every two years as a condition of renewal of his or her license. An examination is a required component of a state-approved continuing education course. A broker or salesperson must pass the examination to receive credit for the course taken.

**Summary of Bill:** An examination is no longer a required component of a state-approved continuing education class for real estate brokers and salespersons. A broker or salesperson may receive credit for taking a continuing education class without passing an examination. A person holding a lapsed real estate license may reactivate the license by satisfying the procedures and requirements as prescribed by the director of the Department of Licensing.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill has the support of the industry. There will be safeguards to ensure that the continuing education students do attend class for all of the required hours.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Van Anderson and Glen Hudson, Washington Association of Realtors (in favor).