

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5231

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor*

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.

**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 Amended 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 broker's or salesperson's license may reactivate the license, without examination, by completing 60 hours of continuing education.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: The amended bill allows a person with a lapsed real estate license to reactivate the license, without examination, by completing 60 hours of continuing education.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Amended Bill: 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).