

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5586

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to technical corrections to the code governing the state militia.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to provisions for the state militia.

Sponsor(s): Senators McCaslin, Sutherland and Roach; by request of Military Department.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
State Government, April 2, 1991, DP;
Passed House, April 10, 1991, 89-0;
Passed Legislature, 89-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 10 members: Representatives Anderson, Chair; Pruitt, Vice Chair; McLean, Ranking Minority Member; Bowman, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; R. Fisher; Grant; Moyer; O'Brien; and Sheldon.

Staff: Linda May (786-7135).

Background: In 1989, the Legislature made substantial revisions to the Revised Code of Washington to modernize the provisions governing the Washington National Guard and to update the Washington Military Code. Subsequent review by the Code Reviser's Office and the Guard revealed a number of minor editorial errors.

One slightly more substantive error was found in the section which deals with the imposing of penalties as punishment. One of the penalties involving a quantity of time ("restriction") is referenced in terms of a penalty which involves a quantity of money ("forfeiture"). It is unclear how to evaluate the loss of time and liberty in terms of dollars.

Summary of Bill: The editorial corrections proposed by the Code Reviser's Office are incorporated into the Washington Military Code. The problem of equating time and liberty

with money is resolved by using the common denominator of time in the subsection.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.