

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6181

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Human Services*

**Title:** An act relating to senior volunteers.

**Brief Description:** Providing funding for senior volunteer programs.

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Newhouse, Rasmussen, Anderson, Nelson, McDonald, Talmadge, Wojahn, Hayner, Thorsness, Sellar, Murray, Snyder, M. Kreidler, Patterson, Johnson, Craswell, Amondson, Bauer, McMullen, Oke, L. Smith and Erwin.

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass.* Signed by 9 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Riley, Vice Chair; Winsley, Ranking Minority Member; Tate, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Beck; Hargrove; Hochstatter; R. King; and H. Myers.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:** The number of senior citizens is expected to grow dramatically over the next 20 years. Seniors who have spent a lifetime acquiring professional, occupational, and life skills, are a valuable resource for society. Current state programs for senior volunteers do not have a statutory framework for distributing funds to retired senior volunteer programs.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Community Development will distribute appropriated funds to retired senior volunteer programs according to the following formula: 65 percent according to criteria determined by the department, up to 20 percent by competitive grant to establish new or expand existing programs, 10 percent for administration, and up to 5 percent for state-wide projects. Priorities for funds include: education, tutoring, English as a second language, drug abuse prevention, housing and homelessness, and respite care.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** This bill takes effect July 1, 1992, except for section 3, relating to prompt implementation, which takes effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** A funding allocation formula for retired senior volunteer programs will help the Department of Community Development support existing and create new programs.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Arnold Livingston, Senior Citizens Lobby; and Dan Casey, Retired Senior Volunteer Program.