

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1511

AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1991

**Brief Description:** Restricting disclosure of public records if disclosure would endanger life, physical safety, or property.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Anderson, Silver, Pruitt, Winsley, Leonard, Riley, Beck, H. Myers, R. King, Wynne, Van Luven, Ludwig, Orr, Brekke, Roland and Brough).

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

**Staff:** Rod McAulay

**Hearing Dates:**

**BACKGROUND:**

During the 1990 Regular Session, a law was enacted generally restricting state and local government agencies from disclosing address records of persons who request that the records be maintained as confidential because disclosure would endanger them or their property. Many state and local agencies and some business groups complained that the law was too broad and not workable. In the 1990 Special Session, the statute was amended to postpone its effective date to March 1, 1991. Efforts to develop legislation which would bridge the conflicting interests and concerns have not succeeded to date and it is believed that additional time is required.

**SUMMARY:**

The effective date of the act providing for nondisclosure of address records of persons subject to domestic violence is July 1, 1992.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested