

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5586

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 13, 1991

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

SPONSORS: Senators McCaslin, Sutherland and Roach; by request of Military Department.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Matson, and Sutherland.

Staff: Barbara Howard (786-7410)

Hearing Dates: February 19, 1991; February 21, 1991

BACKGROUND:

In 1989, the Legislature revised the statutes relating to state military affairs (Title 38 RCW). Subsequent review by the Military Department and the Code Reviser revealed a number of editorial errors which the department seeks to correct.

The only substantive provision deals with penalties which may be imposed under the code of military justice. If the penalty imposed requires extra duty hours, statute still refers to "forfeiture," implying a sum of money. The term should be "restriction" (to the duty station).

SUMMARY:

Numerous editorial changes are made for clarity and modern military usage.

In the section dealing with mitigation of punishment, "restriction" may not be longer than the number of hours of extra duty that may have been imposed.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Correction of these terms will clarify the military affairs statutes.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Kevin Ryan, Military Department