

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5997

AS PASSED SENATE, JUNE 24, 1991

Brief Description: Correcting certain double amendments from the 1991 regular session.

SPONSORS: Senators Nelson and A. Smith; by request of Statute Law Committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Erwin, Hayner, M. Kreidler, Newhouse, and A. Smith.

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Hearing Dates: June 20, 1991

BACKGROUND:

When a section of the code is amended more than once during the same legislative session and the amendments do not make reference to one another (sometimes referred to as double amendments), the result is two or more versions of the same code section. The Code Reviser's office prepares double amendment correction bills after each legislative session which make ministerial changes in those situations where there is no substantive difference between the double amendments to the code. Passing a double amendment bill during the First Extraordinary Session of the 1991 Legislature will avoid the publication of multiple versions of the same RCW sections for a significant number of sections.

The objective of 24 sections of 1991 C 3 (HB 1115 from the 1991 Regular Session), the Department of Health corrections bill, has been made superfluous by amendments contained in other legislation. Section 47 of 1991 C 72 (SB 5107 from the 1991 Regular Session) corrected obsolete references in the corporations code; other amendatory legislation made these references superfluous.

The Code Reviser's office was directed by 1991 C 35 (SHB 1270 from the 1991 Regular Session), regarding state retirement systems, to not give effect to amendments contained therein that conflict with other amendments of the same section. The Code Reviser believes a reenactment of the relevant sections is necessary to accomplish the legislative intent.

SUMMARY:

Twenty-four sections of 1991 C 3 (HB 1115 from the 1991 regular session) are repealed. Section 47 of 1991 C 72 (SB 5107 from the 1991 Regular Session) is repealed. Several sections of the Revised Code of Washington dealing with retirement systems and 1991 legislation amending them are reenacted.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

Effective Date: September 1, 1991 for sections 3, 4, and 5; immediately for sections 1, 2, and 6.

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one