

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1316

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As Amended by the Senate

**Title:** An act relating to members of city and town legislative bodies serving the city or town in additional part-time capacities.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing city councilmembers to serve as reserve police officers.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, H. Myers and Thomas.)

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Local Government, February 5, 1993, DPS;  
Passed House, March 8, 1993, 94-0;  
Amended by Senate.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives H. Myers, Chair; Bray, Vice Chair; Edmondson, Ranking Minority Member; Reams, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dunshee; R. Fisher; Rayburn; Romero; Springer; Van Luven; and Zellinsky.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Horn.

**Staff:** Steve Lundin (786-7127).

**Background:** By resolution adopted by unanimous vote, the legislative body of any city or town may authorize any of its members to serve as volunteer fire fighters and receive the same compensation, insurance, and other benefits applicable to other volunteer fire fighters employed by the city or town.

**Summary of Bill:** By resolution adopted by a simple majority vote of the full legislative body, the legislative body of any city or town could authorize any of its members to serve as volunteer fire fighters or reserve law enforcement officers and receive the same compensation, insurance, and other benefits applicable to other volunteer fire fighters

or reserve law enforcement officers employed by the city or town.

**EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S):** The Senate amendment increases the vote from a simple majority to two-thirds that is necessary to authorize a councilmember to serve as either a volunteer fire fighter or reserve police officer.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Small towns need this flexibility. The only female reserve law enforcement officer in Snoqualmie is also a city council member. She provides necessary assistance as a reserve officer.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** (pro) Colleen Johnson, Snoqualmie City Council; Kathrin Osborne and Reta Lessaro, Snoqualmie citizens; and Kathleen Collins, Association of Washington Cities.

**VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Yeas 94; Excused 4

Excused: Representatives Appelwick, Locke, Miller, Schmidt