

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1057

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, MARCH 24, 1993

Brief Description: Correcting double amendments relating to regulation of mobile and manufactured homes.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Franklin, Zellinsky, Campbell and Springer)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Barr, Cantu, Fraser, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, and Sutherland.

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Hearing Dates: March 19, 1993; March 24, 1993

BACKGROUND:

In 1989 the Legislature enacted double code amendments of two statutes contained in the motor vehicle law that pertained to mobile homes.

The definition of a "mobile home" was amended in two separate bills. Both bills required that the structure of a mobile home meet the requirements of the federal National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974. Only one of the bills, however, specifically stated that the definition does not include a modular home.

The transfer of ownership of a mobile home was also amended in two separate bills. One of the bills eliminated the requirement that both spouses sign the title certificate to transfer ownership in a community mobile home. Eliminating the requirement that both spouses sign in order to transfer the ownership interest in a community mobile home is inconsistent with community property and homestead law.

The Washington Law Revision Commission is attempting to remove double amendments from the Revised Code of Washington in order to reduce conflicts in the interpretation of the law.

SUMMARY:

The definition of a mobile home is amended to specifically state that modular homes are not included within the definition.

The transfer of ownership of the mobile home requires all registered owners to sign the title certificate.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

This bill simply corrects the double code amendment made to two statutes in the motor vehicle law relating to mobile homes.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Senator Rosa Franklin, prime sponsor