

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2776

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS, FEBRUARY 25, 1994

Brief Description: Exempting certain apprentices from the retirement system.

SPONSORS: Representatives Sommers and Horn

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Rinehart, Chairman; Quigley, Vice Chairman; Anderson, Bauer, Bluechel, Cantu, Gaspard, Hargrove, Ludwig, McDonald, Moyer, Owen, Pelz, Snyder, Spanel, Sutherland, Talmadge, West and Wojahn.

Staff: Denise Graham (786-7715)

Hearing Dates: February 24, 1994; February 25, 1994

BACKGROUND:

Most regularly-paid employees or officials of state, school district and local governments are members of a public employees' retirement system. Employees of local governments who are enrolled in the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council program must become members of and make contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System. Most of these employees are also members of and are making contributions to a union retirement plan. Most of these employees will work in the private sector with union membership after their apprenticeships are completed.

SUMMARY:

A local government employee who is enrolled in a state-approved apprenticeship program is excluded from membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System if the employee is a member of and is making contributions to a union-sponsored retirement plan or if the employee is a member of a Taft-Hartley retirement plan.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

We support this bill.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Ron Main, King County (pro)