

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5380

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Concerning collective bargaining for members of the Washington state patrol.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, West, Pelz, Winsley, A. Smith, L. Smith, Snyder, Roach, Owen, Talmadge, Skratek, Niemi, Haugen, Spanel, Drew, Moyer, Jesernig, Sutherland, Rinehart, Williams, Vognild, Sheldon, Loveland, Hargrove, M. Rasmussen, Bauer, Gaspard, Wojahn, Sellar, Quigley and McAuliffe)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

BACKGROUND:

Members of the Washington State Patrol are authorized to collectively bargain on non-wage related matters under the terms of the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA). The act prohibits them from striking, but provides for mediation and fact-finding as a means to resolve disputes in the bargaining process. The findings and recommendations of the fact-finder regarding how the dispute should be resolved are advisory only.

SUMMARY:

The mediation and fact-finding provisions of PECBA applicable to Washington State Patrol officers are amended. The procedures for using fact-finding are deleted. The mediation and arbitration provisions for "uniformed personnel" are made applicable to patrol officers. The mediator and arbitration panel may not consider wages or wage issues. Criteria guiding the arbitration decision are established.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	33	11	
House	93	4	(House amended)
Senate	37	9	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 1993