

1 **SHB 1730 - H AMDS 380 ADOPTED 3/14/95**

2 By Representative Benton

3 On page 3, line 10, beginning with "~~((+i))~~" strike all  
4 material through "~~((+ii))~~" on line 14 and insert "(a) (i) Until  
5 July 1, 1997, law enforcement officers as defined in RCW 41.26.030  
6 employed by the governing body of any city or town with a  
7 population of seven thousand five hundred or more and law  
8 enforcement officers employed by the governing body of any county  
9 with a population of thirty-five thousand or more; (ii) beginning  
10 on July 1, 1997, law enforcement officers as defined in RCW  
11 41.26.030 employed by the governing body of any city or town with  
12 a population of two thousand five hundred or more and law  
13 enforcement officers employed by the governing body of any county  
14 with a population of ten thousand or more;"

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16 On page 4, line 32, after "city" strike all material through  
17 "~~thousand))~~" on line 34 and insert "or town with a population of  
18 less than fifteen thousand, or a county with a population of less  
19 than seventy thousand"

**EFFECT:** The amendment provides that the modifications in the definition of "uniformed personnel" that were scheduled to take effect July 1, 1995, will begin as scheduled, so that the interest arbitration requirements will apply to law enforcement officers in cities with a population of 7,500 or more and in counties with a population of 35,000 or more.

Beginning on July 1, 1997, the population threshold will be modified to include these officers as "uniformed personnel" for arbitration purposes in cities of 2,500 or more and counties with a population of 10,000 or more.

The requirement for the arbitrator to consider regional differences in the cost of living is restored to the language of a prior enactment that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 1995. Under the prior enactment, the requirement applies only to the newly covered law enforcement officers.