

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1314

Title: An act relating to computing the time within which an act is to be done.

Brief Description: Computing the time within which an act is to be done.

Sponsors: Representatives Bush, Cooper, Carrell, Wood, Smith, Lambert, McDonald, Benson, Mielke, Cole, Talcott, Romero, Mastin, Scott, Sheahan, Lantz, L. Thomas, D. Schmidt, Cooke, Sherstad, Wensman and Dunn.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

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Background: A chapter of the Revised Code of Washington provides general rules on the construction of statutory provisions. These general rules apply throughout the code unless a particular statute provides otherwise.

Many provisions of the law require an act to be done within a specified period of time. The general rule on how to compute time provides that a time period shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day, except that if the last day is a holiday or a Sunday, that day is also excluded.

Summary of Bill: The general rule on the computation of time is amended to exclude a Saturday from the calculation if the Saturday is the last day.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

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