

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2500

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, February 25, 1998

Title: An act relating to the uniform act on fresh pursuit.

Brief Description: Amending uniform act on fresh pursuit.

Sponsors: Representatives Sheahan, Appelwick, McMorris, Radcliff, Alexander, Grant, O'Brien, Doumit, Ogden and Thompson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 2/24/98, 2/25/98 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Fairley, Hargrove, Kline, Long, Stevens, Thibaudeau and Zarelli.

Staff: David Johnson (786-7754)

Background: Law enforcement officers from other states can enter Washington in fresh pursuit of a suspected felon. They are granted the same authority to arrest and hold a fleeing felon as a local officer would have. Under the Uniform Fresh Pursuit Act, officers do not have the authority to pursue suspects other than felons.

Summary of Amended Bill: Officers from other states may also pursue, arrest, and hold subjects suspected of driving under the influence, impaired driving, or reckless driving with the same authority as a local officer. Language is made gender neutral.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: The amendment makes language gender neutral.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.