

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2511

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations, February 26, 1998

Title: An act relating to ethics in public service.

Brief Description: Creating a limited exception for members of boards, commissions, and committees to have a small financial interest in the board's, commission's, or committee's transactions.

Sponsors: House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Wolfe, Chopp, Ogden, Gardner, Butler, Appelwick and Anderson).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/26/98 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chair; Hale, Vice Chair; Haugen, Horn, Patterson and T. Sheldon.

Staff: Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

Background: State officers and employees generally are not allowed to have a beneficial interest in a transaction that they supervise.

Summary of Bill: A member of a state board, commission, or committee may have a beneficial interest of \$10,000 or less in a transaction. If the beneficial interest exceeds \$10,000, the member must disclose it, disqualify himself or herself from voting on the transaction, and refrain from influencing or attempting to influence the other votes.

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.