

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6352

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As Passed Senate, February 12, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to examination eligibility requirements for Washington state patrol officers.

**Brief Description:** Specifying examination eligibility requirements for Washington state patrol officers.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wood and Haugen; by request of Washington State Patrol.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/3/98 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 2/12/98, 48-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prince, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Goings, Haugen, Heavey, Horn, Morton, Oke, Patterson, Rasmussen and Sellar.

**Staff:** Paul Neal (786-7315)

**Background:** In order to be considered for promotion, Washington State Patrol officers participate in a testing process. Testing is a six-week process that is conducted every two years.

Current law requires a patrol officer to have a certain number of years of experience before he or she can take a test for promotion. It is unclear whether the statutorily required experience must be completed before beginning the six-week testing process or whether it is sufficient that the patrol officer have the required experience by the time the testing process is concluded.

**Summary of Bill:** A patrol officer must complete the statutorily required years of experience before he or she can begin the testing process.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** All persons concerned agree that this change will bring needed clarification to the question of when a patrol officer qualifies to test for promotion.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Senator Wood, prime sponsor; Annette Sandberg, Chief, WSP.