

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2919

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government

Title: An act relating to laboratory records.

Brief Description: Concerning the release of certain laboratory records.

Sponsors: Representatives Miloscia and McMorris.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/8/02 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires requests for records related to testing performed on deceased individuals in death investigations and on living suspects in impaired driving cases be made to the agency that submitted the material for analysis.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; McDermott, Schindler, Schmidt and Upthegrove.

Staff: Kimberly Berry (786-7291).

Background:

The Washington Toxicology Laboratory is a part of the Bureau of Forensic Laboratory Services System of the Washington State Patrol. The laboratory's responsibilities include providing scientific analysis and all necessary toxicology services requested by coroners, medical examiners, and prosecuting attorneys.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Requests for records related to testing performed on deceased individuals in death

investigations and on living suspects in impaired driving cases must be made to the agency that submitted the material for analysis.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The substitute bill deletes references to public records disclosure.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.