

Judiciary Committee

SB 5305

Title: *An act relating to correction of outdated references and double amendments in the Revised Code of Washington.*

Brief Description: *Correcting outdated references and double amendments.*

Sponsors: *By Senators Constantine and McCaslin; by request of Office of the Code Reviser.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Makes technical corrections to various provisions of the Revised Code of Washington.*

Hearing Date: *3/27/01*

Staff: *Edie Adams (786-7180).*

Background:

Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, recodified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering. References to these sections or subsections in other provisions of the code then become incorrect. A bill may change a particular term and references to these terms in other provisions of the code become inaccurate.

In a given legislative session, two or more bills may amend the same section of the code without reference to each other. These are called double- or multiple- amendments. Usually there are no substantive conflicts between the multiple amendments, and the two amendments may be merged. In the event multiple amendments substantively conflict and cannot be merged, the last amendment that was passed controls.

Summary of Bill:

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the Revised Code of Washington.

The technical corrections include changes to correct inaccurate references to terms that have been changed and inaccurate cross-references resulting from amendments, recodifications, or repealers. In addition, a section of the code is reenacted to merge a double amendment.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not Requested.*

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