

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6536

As Passed Senate, February 10, 2006

Title: An act relating to the legislative youth advisory council.

Brief Description: Regarding the legislative youth advisory council.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen and Benton.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 1/16/06 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/10/06, 37-8.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Fairley, Haugen, McCaslin and Pridemore.

Staff: Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

Background: In 2005, a twenty-two member legislative youth advisory council was established to examine issues important to youth and advise the Legislature. Fourteen is the minimum age for appointment to the council. The council's statutory authority expires June 30, 2007.

Summary of Bill: The minimum age for appointment to the council is lowered to twelve. The expiration date is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: Lowering the minimum age to 12 will allow middle school, in addition to high school, students to participate on the council. A minimum age of 10 would also allow participation by elementary school students.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Sen. Jacobsen, Prime Sponsor; Alex Jonlin.