

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1672

As Passed House:

March 7, 2007

Title: An act relating to the authority of the director of the Washington state department of personnel and the Washington personnel resources board.

Brief Description: Clarifying the authority of the director of the Washington state department of personnel and the Washington personnel resources board.

Sponsors: By Representative Green; by request of Department of Personnel.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government & Tribal Affairs: 2/16/07, 2/20/07 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/7/07, 70-24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Repeals RCW 41.06.136, dealing with the development of rules by the Washington Personnel Resources Board (Board).
- Deletes references to the Board in RCW 41.06.150.
- Replaces the Board with the Director of the Department of Personnel in several sections of the code.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Green, McDermott, Miloscia and Ormsby.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Chandler, Ranking Minority Member and Kretz.

Staff: Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

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Background:

The Personnel System Reform Act (Act) was enacted in 2002. The Act restructured the state civil service system, created a new option for the state to competitively contract work done by state employees, and expanded collective bargaining to include wages and benefits. As part of the restructuring of the state civil service system, the Act transferred rule-making authority from the Washington Personnel Resources Board (Board) to the Department of Personnel, transferred appeal authority from the Personnel Appeals Board to the Washington Personnel Resources Board, and abolished the Personnel Appeals Board.

Summary of Bill:

References to the Board are replaced with the Director of the Department of Personnel in RCW 41.04.670, 41.06.070, 41.06.093, 41.06.420, 41.48.140, 43.43.832, 70.24.300, 72.01.210, 72.02.045. Language in RCW 41.06.150 dealing with the Board is deleted. The section regarding the Board review of rules affecting classified service is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Most of the changes in this bill are technical to allow for the continued improvement of the state civil service laws. It is a general housekeeping bill related to the Personnel System Reform Act.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Green, prime sponsor; and Mike Sellars, Department of Personnel.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.