

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6588

---

---

As Passed Senate, February 13, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to transfers of accumulated leave of common school and higher education employees.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kauffman, Prentice, Kastama, Hobbs, Sheldon, Delvin, Shin, McAuliffe and Rasmussen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/6/08, 2/7/08 [DP, DNP, w/oRec].  
Passed Senate: 2/13/08, 46-2.

---

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Eide, Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, McDermott, Oemig, Rasmussen, Weinstein and Zarelli.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator King, Ranking Minority Member.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Brandland.

**Staff:** Susan Mielke (786-7422)

**Background:** The higher education statutes currently provide that accumulated leave of employees at the community colleges must be transferrable between college districts, any state agency, any Educational Service District (ESD), any school district, or any of the public four-year institutions of higher education.

The K-12 statutes currently provide that accumulated leave of certificated, classified, and ESD employees must be transferrable to and from one school district to another, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the office of the ESDs.

**Summary of Bill:** Clarifying language is added to the K-12 statutes to explicitly permit the transfer of accumulated leave of certificated, classified, and ESD employees to and from institutions of higher education and community colleges.

---

*This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.*

**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.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: We want to ensure equity and consistency when it comes to access for K-12 employees to transfer their accumulated leave. Leave is a benefit that is important to employees, especially employees that are the lowest paid, and will enable some to stay in the system. Employees who transfer between the K-12 system and the higher education system should be able to bring with them the leave that they have earned.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Claudia Kauffman, prime sponsor; Lucinda Young, Washington Education Association; Tom Lopp, Public School Employees.