SENATE BILL REPORT
SHB 1615

As of March 8, 2011

Title: An act relating to service members' civil relief.

Brief Description: Concerning service members' civil relief.

Sponsors: House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Ladenburg, Kelley, Rodne, Moscoso, Kirby, Appleton and Stanford).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/26/11, 97-0.
  Committee Activity: Judiciary: 3/08/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7438)

Background: Under current law, military service means a service member under a call to active service authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than 30 consecutive days. Military service members and their dependents are provided protection against default judgments, judgments given as a result of the defendant's failure to appear.

Summary of Bill: Military service includes National Guard members under a call to service authorized by the Governor for a period of more than 30 consecutive days. Protection against default judgments is provided to service members, their dependents, and National Guard members under a call to active service authorized by the Governor of the state of Washington.

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.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: We are fortunate to have a great national guard to be called to duty. This bill gives them equity in the law in regard to default judgments. We want to ensure they have the same protections that others in military service have.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Ladenburg, prime sponsor; Ted Wicorek, Veterans Legislative Coalition; Kenyon Luce, Luce, Lineberry and Kenney.