

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6268

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As of February 3, 2016

**Title:** An act relating to the removal of provisions that are no longer necessary for continued publication in the Revised Code of Washington.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the removal of provisions that are no longer necessary for continued publication in the Revised Code of Washington.

**Sponsors:** Senators Schoesler and Hargrove.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Accountability & Reform: 1/27/16.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM

**Staff:** Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

**Background:** Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Generally. State laws are found in the RCW, which is codified and published by the Code Reviser under the supervision of the Statute Law Committee, a legislative agency.

Background on Decodification. Decodified statutes are removed from publication in the RCW, but remain in effect. This is commonly used in situations where a statute lays out non-substantive language such as an effective date, emergency clause, or severability clause, or the statute no longer has any effect going forward.

Background on Repeal. Repealed statutes are invalid going forward and are removed from publication in the RCW and disappear altogether. This is commonly used in situations where the Legislature wants to eliminate an authority or directive, a specific statutory task has already been completed, or a specific statutory authority has not been used in a number of years.

**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** A number of statutes are decodified, repealed, or amended. Examples include:

- decodification of intent sections, effective date clauses, severability clauses, and savings clauses;
- repeal of completed reporting requirements, program function transfers, task forces, and accounts and programs that have been unused for a substantial period; and

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- amendments to statutes to account for the decodification and repeal of other statutes.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM COMMITTEE (Proposed First Substitute):** Specifies the continuation of substantive authority provided to the Department of Financial Institutions in RCW 21.20.886, which set out a series of timelines for rulemaking.

**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:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** No one.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.