

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6268

As Passed Senate, February 17, 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: Senate Committee on Accountability & Reform (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler and Hargrove).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Accountability & Reform: 1/27/16, 2/03/16 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/17/16, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6268 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Miloscia, Chair; Padden, Vice Chair; Fraser, Ranking Member; Dansel and McAuliffe.

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 Repealed statutes are invalid going forward and are removed from publication in the RCW and disappear altogether.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.

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.

Summary of Substitute Bill: A number of statutes are decodified, repealed, or amended.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
- amendments to statutes to account for the decodification and repeal of other statutes.

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 on Original Bill: None.

Persons Testifying on Original Bill: No one.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying on Original Bill: No one.