

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1091

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, March 21, 2019

Title: An act relating to making technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025.

Sponsors: House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representative Goodman; by request of Statute Law Committee).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/04/19, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 3/14/19, 3/21/19 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Corrects technical deficiencies in the Revised Code of Washington.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pedersen, Chair; Dhingra, Vice Chair; Padden, Ranking Member; Kuderer and Salomon.

Staff: Tim Ford (786-7423)

Background: The Statute Law Committee employs the Code Reviser and oversees the functions and performance of the Code Reviser's Office. The committee or reviser shall from time to time make written recommendations to the Legislature for the correction or removal of deficiencies, conflicts or obsolete provisions of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). They are technical non-substantive amendments to the code to fix internal references, cross references, obsolete terminology, double amendments, or otherwise improve the form of the code. All such proposed legislation shall be annotated to show the purposes, reasons, and history.

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Summary of Bill: Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. These changes include:

- updating a reference regarding registration of the Washington State tartan to reflect 2008 Scottish legislation creating a new Register of Tartans;
- reenacting several RCW sections to merge double amendments created when sections were amended without reference to other amendments made in the same year or without cognizance of other amendments made in previous years;
- updating subsection citations that became inaccurate due to prior amendments that revised the numbering of the referenced subsection;
- correcting apparently incorrect section or subsection references and apparently incorrect terms;
- removing unnecessary subsection references for defined terms;
- adding definitions for department and secretary to chapter 74.14B RCW to clarify these references mean the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and the secretary of DCYF; and
- amending multiple sections in chapter 29A.92 to reference "this chapter" rather than the session law citation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The Statute Law Committee oversees the Code Reviser's Office. The law requires the Code Reviser's Office to make recommendations for technical corrections. The Code Reviser is a unique species of human. There is a Washington state tartan registered with the Scottish Tartan Society, but it has been renamed the Scottish Register of Tartans. This change occurred in 2008 and is an example of the type of technical change addressed by this bill. There are no policy changes in the bill. The Statute Law Committee reviews the bill before it is introduced.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Roger Goodman, Prime Sponsor.

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