Judiciary Committee

HB 1059

Title: An act relating to technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections to various statutes at the request of the statute law committee.

Sponsors: Representative Goodman; by request of Statute Law Committee.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes technical corrections to various sections of the Revised Code of Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/12/09

Staff: Courtney Barnes (786-7194)

Background:

Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, recodified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering, or drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process. References to these sections or subsections in other provisions of the code then become incorrect. A bill may change a particular term and references to these terms in other provisions of the code become inaccurate.

In a given legislative session, two or more bills may amend the same section of the code without reference to each other. These are called "double" or "multiple" amendments. Usually there are no substantive conflicts between the multiple amendments, and the amendments may be merged. In the event that multiple amendments substantively conflict and cannot be merged, the last amendment that was passed controls.

Summary of Bill:

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the Revised Code of Washington. The technical corrections include changes to correct inaccurate references to terms that have been

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changed and inaccurate cross-references resulting from amendments, recodifications, or repealers. In addition, certain sections of the code are re-enacted to merge double amendments.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.