HOUSE BILL REPORT
HB 1059

As Reported by House Committee On:
Judiciary

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: Representatives Goodman, Kelley and Rodne; by request of Statute Law Committee.

Brief History:
  Committee Activity:
    Judiciary: 1/12/09, 1/15/09 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Pedersen, Chair; Goodman, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Shea, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Flannigan, Kelley, Kirby, Ormsby, Roberts and Warnick.

Staff: Courtney Barnes (786-7194)

Background:

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 Sections may be repealed, recodified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering, or drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process.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

In a given legislative session, two or more bills may amend the same section of the RCW without reference to each other. These are called "double" or "multiple" amendments.

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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.

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Summary of Bill:

Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. The technical corrections include changes to correct inaccurate references to terms that have been changed and inaccurate cross-references resulting from amendments, recodifications, or repealers. In addition, certain sections of the RCW are re-enacted to merge double amendments.

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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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill deals with purely technical corrections to the RCW. This type of bill is introduced every few years to correct inaccuracies in sections of the RCW. The Legislature creates approximately 50 or more double amendments per session. The amendments contained in this bill are merged amendments where no conflicts of policy exist.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Goodman, prime sponsor; Kyle Thiessen, Office of the Code Reviser and Statute Law Committee.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.