

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 3219

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As of Third Reading

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

**Brief Description:** Making technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Goodman, Rodne, Pedersen, Hudgins, Chase and Upthegrove.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 4/12/10, 94-0.

**Committee Activity:**

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**Staff:** Lidia Mori (786-7755)

**Background:** Inaccuracies in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) may occur in a variety of ways. Sections may be repealed, re-codified, or amended in a way that changes their internal numbering. References to these sections or subsections in other provisions of the RCW then become incorrect. Other drafting and typographical errors may be made in the drafting process. For example, references to statutes or designations or categories of governmental and other groups may change but not all references in the RCW may be updated to reflect the change.

In one 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. Usually there are no substantive conflicts between double amendments, and the amendments may be re-enacted and merged together.

A bill that passes during the 2010 1st Special Session of the Legislature and contains effective dates prior to July 11 through 13 will not take effect before the earlier designated effective date without specific language to allow an earlier effective date.

**Summary of Bill:** Technical corrections are made to various provisions of the RCW. The following changes are made:

- corrects inaccurate references to terms and statutes that have been amended, re-codified, or repealed;
- re-enacts certain sections of the RCW to merge double amendments;

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- replaces references to the Department of Transportation's six-year investment program with the Office of Financial Management's ten-year investment program;
- corrects a drafting error related to the calculation for the minimum contribution rate for various retirement systems;
- replaces a reference to the county assessor with the county auditor;
- corrects a drafting error related to a reference to a delayed effective date clause in a session law that took effect immediately pursuant to an emergency clause;
- removes the reference that repeals the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review Panel; and
- aligns effect dates to allow bills to take effect prior to the regular effective date which is 90 days after the end of the 1st Special Session.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the 1st Special Session of 2010, except for sections 11 through 13 relating to the boards and commissions in Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2617, which take effect on June 30, 2010.