

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5173

As of February 21, 2009

Title: An act relating to honorary doctorate degrees.

Brief Description: Authorizing the regional universities to confer honorary doctorate degrees.

Sponsors: Senators Shin, Fairley, Kastama, Sheldon, McAuliffe, Brown, Pridemore, Delvin, Hobbs, McDermott, Jarrett, Kilmer, Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/24/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College are authorized to confer honorary bachelor's and master's degrees upon persons other than graduates of their universities in recognition of the person's learning or devotion to education, literature, art, or science. Washington State University and the University of Washington may also confer honorary degrees without restriction as to level. Community and technical colleges are authorized to confer honorary associate of arts degrees.

Summary of Bill: Western Washington University, Central Washington University, and Eastern Washington University are authorized to confer honorary doctoral degrees upon persons other than graduates in recognition of the person's learning or devotion to education, literature, art, or science.

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.

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