

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5647

As Reported By House Committee On:
Higher Education

Title: An act relating to retention of sick leave by transferred employees of community and technical colleges.

Brief Description: Changing retention of leave provisions for employees of community and technical colleges.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bauer, Wood, Kohl, Drew, Haugen and Winsley; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Higher Education: 3/21/95, 3/23/95 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Carlson, Chairman; Mulliken, Vice Chairman; Jacobsen, Ranking Minority Member; Mason, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Benton; Blanton; Delvin and Mastin.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Goldsmith.

Staff: Marilee Scarbrough (786-7196).

Background: The board of trustees for each community college district has authority to adopt policies granting leaves to employees of the districts and colleges. Accumulated sick leave is transferable from a district or college to (1) the college board; (2) the state Superintendent of Public Instruction; (3) ESD's; (4) school districts; or (5) institutions of higher learning of the state.

Summary of Bill: Accumulated sick leave is transferable from a district to another district or between a district and (1) any state agency; (2) Educational Service Districts (ESD's); (3) school districts; or (4) any other institution of higher education listed in RCW 28B.10.016. The institutions listed are state universities, regional universities, the Evergreen State College, the community colleges and the technical colleges.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: This is a housekeeping measure. We are correcting an anomaly in the law. Employees that leave the community college district may transfer sick leave, but new hires from other agencies cannot transfer their sick leave to the community college district. This will help community colleges to compete for good employees.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Cindy Hough, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (in favor).