

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5183

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations, February 9, 1995

Title: An act relating to county auditors.

Brief Description: Regarding county auditors.

Sponsors: Senators Hale, Haugen, Winsley and Deccio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/1/95, 2/9/95 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5183 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, Heavey, McCaslin and Winsley.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: Some county statutes still contain duplicative provisions, archaic language and references to record-keeping techniques no longer practiced.

Only travel expenses may be paid by charge card.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The terms used for county government are modernized in sections concerning the county auditor, prosecuting attorney, county commissioners, county finances and county road engineer records.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The authorization for municipalities to pay reasonable and necessary municipal expenses by charge card is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This is a good government bill to update the statutes.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Doug Cochran, Yakima County Auditor; Les Brodie, Thurston County Auditor's Office; William Donahue, Spokane County Auditor; Gary Lowe, WSAC.