

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESB 6651

As Passed Senate, February 7, 1996

Title: An act relating to storage of public records on compact discs.

Brief Description: Allowing public record storage on compact disc.

Sponsors: Senators Finkbeiner, Drew, Haugen, Swecker, Winsley, Johnson and Strannigan.
Reported By Senate Committee On:

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Energy, Telecommunications & Utilities: 1/30/96, 1/31/96, 2/1/96
[DPA].

Passed Senate, 2/7/96, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS & UTILITIES

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Sutherland, Chair; Loveland, Vice Chair; Finkbeiner and Hochstatter.

Staff: Phil Moeller (786-7445)

Background: State law requires different classifications of public records to be filed and stored. These public records may be stored in a variety of different media, including, among others, paper, film, and machine-readable material.

Compact discs allow for the storage of a large amount of data in a comparatively small physical space.

Summary of Bill: The allowed forms of public record storage are expanded to include compact discs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This is a permissive bill clarifying that public records may be stored on compact discs.

Testimony Against: The bill is unnecessary. It can be handled through existing authority.

Testified: Senator Finkbeiner, prime sponsor (pro); Jim Sweeney, CDCOM (pro); George Scott, State Archivist (con).