

5219-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Smith, Roach, C. Anderson, Long, Haugen, McCaslin, Spanel, Drew, Winsley, Kohl and Sheldon)

Brief Description: Changing domestic violence provisions.

SB 5219-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Makes technical revisions to the procedural statutes relating to domestic violence litigations.

Directs the criminal justice training commission to implement by January 1, 1997, a course of instruction for the training of prosecutors in the handling of domestic violence complaints.

Provides a gross misdemeanor penalty for violation of restraining orders.

Revises provisions for petitions for a name change.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5219-S

May 5, 1995

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 25 and 28, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5219 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to domestic violence;"

This bill clarifies and strengthens important provisions of the state's domestic violence law. I strongly support enactment of these provisions to provide improved safety and justice for battered partners.

Sections 25 and 28, however, contain amendments related to restraining orders identical to those already signed into law in sections 2 and 3 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5835. Vetoing these duplicate sections will avoid unnecessary cross referencing requirements in the Revised Code of Washington.

For this reason, I am vetoing sections 25 and 28 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5219.

With the exception of sections 25 and 28, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5219 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor