

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5529

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Law & Justice

**Title:** An act relating to requiring a landlord to provide a written receipt if requested.

**Brief Description:** Providing written receipts to tenants.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Horn, Heavey, Schow, Fairley, Winsley and Oke).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Law & Justice: 4/4/97 [DP].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Sheahan, Chairman; McDonald, Vice Chairman; Sterk, Vice Chairman; Costa, Ranking Minority Member; Constantine, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carrell; Cody; Kenney; Lambert; Lantz; Radcliff; Sherstad and Skinner.

**Staff:** Trudes Hutcheson (786-7384).

**Background:** The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act establishes various duties of landlords and tenants. When a tenant pays a security deposit, the landlord must give the tenant a written receipt for that deposit money. The act does not require a landlord to give written receipts to a tenant for any other payments made by the tenant.

**Summary of Bill:** Upon request of a tenant, the landlord must provide a written receipt for any payments made by the tenant.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill will help tenants who don't have checking accounts and pay their rent in cash.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Kohl, prime sponsor.