

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6352

As Passed House:

March 5, 1998

Title: An act relating to examination eligibility requirements for Washington state patrol officers.

Brief Description: Specifying examination eligibility requirements for Washington state patrol officers.

Sponsors: Senators Wood and Haugen; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation Policy & Budget: 2/25/98, 3/2/98 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/5/98, 98-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION POLICY & BUDGET

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 27 members: Representatives K. Schmidt, Chairman; Hankins, Vice Chairman; Mielke, Vice Chairman; Mitchell, Vice Chairman; Fisher, Ranking Minority Member; Cooper, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Buck; Cairnes; Chandler; Constantine; DeBolt; Gardner; Hatfield; Johnson; McCune; Murray; O'Brien; Ogden; Radcliff; Robertson; Romero; Scott; Skinner; Sterk; Wood and Zellinsky.

Staff: Paul Neal (786-7315).

Background: In order to be considered for promotion, Washington State Patrol (WSP) officers participate in a testing process. Testing is a six-week process that is conducted every two years.

Current law requires a patrol officer to have a certain number of years of experience before he or she can take a test for promotion. It is unclear whether the statutorily required experience must be completed before beginning the six-week testing process or whether it is sufficient that the patrol officer have the required experience by the time the testing process is concluded.

Summary of Bill: A patrol officer must complete the statutorily required years of experience before he or she can begin the testing process.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This change will bring needed clarification to the question of when a patrol officer qualifies to test for promotion.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Chief Annette Sandberg, WSP; and Bill Hanson, WSP Troopers Association.