

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5529

As Passed Senate, March 19, 1997

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: 2/24/97, 3/3/97 [DPS].
Passed Senate, 3/19/97, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5529 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Fairley, Goings, Kline, Long and McCaslin.

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Background: Some tenants choose to pay their rent with cash. In order to have proof that they have paid the rent, such tenants need a receipt. Not having proof of rent payment can, under some circumstances, cause legal problems for the tenant.

Summary of Bill: A landlord is required, upon request, to provide a written receipt for any payment 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: People who pay by check have a receipt, but people who pay with cash do not. Landlords are not required to provide a receipt unless requested.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Jeanne Kohl, prime sponsor.