

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1461

As Reported by House Committee On:
Local Government & Housing

Title: An act relating to options for determining the pay periods for county employees.

Brief Description: Regarding options for determining the pay periods for county employees.

Sponsors: Representatives Bailey, Hunt, Alexander, Hinkle, Haigh, Johnson, Haler, Ericksen, Chandler, Orcutt, Kretz and Kelley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Local Government & Housing: 2/4/09, 2/9/09 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the county legislative authority of any county to establish a weekly pay period for county officers and employees.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Simpson, Chair; Nelson, Vice Chair; Angel, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cox, Miloscia, Short, Springer, Upthegrove and White.

Staff: Sara del Moral (786-7291) and Thamas Osborn (786-7129)

Background:

State law grants counties the authority to establish biweekly pay periods for county officers and employees. In counties assuming the functions of a metropolitan municipal corporation, compensation must be received no more than 13 days after the end of each pay period. In all other counties, compensation must be received no more than seven days after the end of each pay period.

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Summary of Bill:

Provisions regarding pay periods for county officers and employees are amended. Counties may establish weekly pay periods or biweekly pay periods.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) A county auditor brought this bill forward. This would help smaller counties by allowing flexibility in payroll procedures. It would help jurisdictions around the state.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Bailey, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.