

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2485

As of February 15, 2012

Title: An act relating to authorizing school districts to use electronic formats for warrants.

Brief Description: Authorizing school districts to use electronic formats for warrants.

Sponsors: Representatives Probst, Upthegrove and Dahlquist.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/16/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

Staff: Susan Mielke (786-7422)

Background: Generally, the county treasurers serve as the ex officio treasurer for special purpose districts in the county, including school districts and Educational Service Districts. The duties of a treasurer include receiving and depositing all funds, issuing and paying warrants and checks, keeping records of all withdrawals and deposits, and issuing statements. School district expenditure warrants are authorized by the signature of the president or the majority of the school district board of directors and paid from available funds held by the county treasurer.

The Washington Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act defines authorized officer to include officials of school districts whose signature is required on an instrument of payment, including a warrant; and defines facsimile signature as a reproduction by engraving, imprinting, stamping, or other means of the manual signature of an authorized officer.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Amendment): School district warrants and warrant registers may be sent in an electronic format and may use facsimile signatures.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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