

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5826

As of January 17, 2014

Title: An act relating to the shared leave pool.

Brief Description: Addressing the shared leave pool.

Sponsors: Senators Conway, Hobbs, Litzow, Rolfes, Dammeier, Eide, Kohl-Welles and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 1/21/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

Background: In 2007, the Legislature created the Uniformed Service Shared Leave Pool (Pool) to provide support solely for state employees called to military duty. Leave may not be granted from the Pool unless the Pool has sufficient balance to fund the requested leave for the expected term of service. Shared leave paid under the Pool, in combination with military salary, may not exceed the level of the employee's state monthly salary. Military salary includes base, specialty, and other pay, but does not include other allowances, such as a housing allowance. Monthly salary includes special pay and shift differential, but does not include overtime pay, call-back pay, standby pay, or performance bonuses. Employees requesting leave from the Pool must provide earnings information to the Department of Personnel. Employees of school districts and educational service districts are not eligible to donate leave to or receive leave from the Pool.

Summary of Bill: Employees of school districts and educational service districts may participate in the Pool.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 16, 2013.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.