

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 2205

As Passed House:
February 19, 2020

Title: An act relating to making technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025.

Brief Description: Making technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025.

Sponsors: House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Dufault and Appleton).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Civil Rights & Judiciary: 1/14/20, 1/17/20 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/19/20, 98-0.

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Removes obsolete language in various sections of the Revised Code of Washington and corrects technical errors.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 14 members: Representatives Kilduff, Chair; Thai, Vice Chair; Irwin, Ranking Minority Member; Goodman, Graham, Hansen, Kirby, Klippert, Orwall, Peterson, Rude, Valdez, Walen and Ybarra.

Staff: Ingrid Lewis (786-7289).

Background:

Duties of the Statute Law Committee.

The primary responsibilities of the Statute Law Committee (Committee) and the Code Reviser (Reviser) are to periodically codify, index, and publish the Revised Code of

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Washington (RCW) and to revise, correct, and harmonize the statutes by means of administrative or suggested legislative action. The Committee, or the Reviser with the approval of the Committee, must periodically make written recommendations to the Legislature concerning deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions in the RCW.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Certain obsolete provisions are removed from the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Other corrections are made to:

- correct certain accounts and funds in the Treasurer's Trust Fund and the Treasury Income Account;
- amend sections to reflect changes in subsection numbering of cross-referenced materials;
- update the reference to a chapter that was renamed as a result of 2019 legislation; and
- merge multiple amendments to RCW sections that originated from two separate 2019 bills, each enacted without reference to the other.

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) The Statute Law Committee (Committee) is comprised of members from all three branches of government. The Committee oversees the Code Reviser's Office, as well as the publication of the laws. The Committee is directed by statute to bring legislation to correct technical deficiencies, conflicts, and obsolete provisions in the Revised Code of Washington. This bill contains only technical corrections. The provisions rename and reorganize funds within the Treasury Department, merge double amendments, and correct cross-references. There are additional corrections that have been found, and there will be a proposed substitute bill offered.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Goodman, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.