

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1059

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, MARCH 27, 1991

Brief Description: Revising the list of personal property exempt from enforcement of judgments.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Appelwick, Padden, Ludwig and Orr).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; Madsen, Newhouse, Rasmussen, and A. Smith.

Staff: Ben Barnes (786-7465)

Hearing Dates: March 27, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, various kinds of personal property are statutorily exempt, up to certain specified values, from enforcement actions by creditors.

It is suggested that the existing maximum exemption amounts for personal property be increased.

SUMMARY:

The maximum allowable dollar value of personal property which is exempt from execution, attachment, and garnishment of creditors is increased.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill increases personal property exemption amounts to keep pace with inflation.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Susan Stanley, Charles Helm, WA State Bar Assn. (pro); Ben Wood, Jr., WA Collectors Assn. (pro)