

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5165

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, FEBRUARY 13, 1991

**Brief Description:** Revising references that are incorrect as a result of the creation of the department of health under chapter 9, Laws of 1989 1st ex.s.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Nelson and Talmadge; by request of Statute Law Committee.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Dick Armstrong (786-7460)

**Hearing Dates:** February 11, 1991; February 13, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1989, the Legislature created the Department of Health as a separate department of state government. The primary responsibilities of the department are to preserve public health, monitor health care costs, and provide general oversight and planning for the state's activities as they relate to the health of Washington residents.

Many references in statute are now incorrect as a result of the creation of the Department of Health. The Statute Law Committee and the Department of Health are requesting that such internal references be changed to reflect the 1989 law.

**SUMMARY:**

Numerous state statutes are amended to make correct references to the Department of Health which was created in 1989 as a separate department of state government.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The bill is the interim work product of the Department of Health, Department of Licensing, Attorney General's Office, and the Code Reviser. The bill makes technical corrections only.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** PRO: Bill Williams, Dept. of Health; Marsha Long,  
Dept. of Licensing; Jon Donnellan, Dept. of Licensing