

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5313

As Passed Senate, March 12, 2007

Title: An act relating to establishing the retirement age for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Brief Description: Establishing the retirement age for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Schoesler, Kilmer, Hatfield, Shin and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/07/07 [DP-TRAN].

Transportation: 2/28/07, 3/01/07 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/12/07, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Transportation.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Fairley, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Tom.

Staff: Erik Sund (786-7454)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Sheldon and Spanel.

Staff: Dory Nicpon (786-7321)

Background: Current law requires members of the Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS), other than a member serving as Chief of the Washington State Patrol, to retire as of the first day of the calendar month following the member's 60th birthday.

Summary of Bill: Beginning July 1, 2007, an active member of the WSPRS, other than a member serving as Chief of the Washington State Patrol, must retire as of the first day of the calendar month following the member's 65th birthday.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains several effective dates. Please refer to the bill.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Ways & Means): PRO: Sixty years of age is too young to retire and it is unfair to force these employees leave the Washington State Patrol. They're going to end up working elsewhere and the State Patrol will lose the skills and leadership of these experienced troopers. This bill will also assist the State Patrol with its recruitment and retention efforts.

Persons Testifying (Ways & Means): PRO: Gary Day and Tom Pillow, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association; Jeff DeVere, Washington State Patrol.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Transportation): PRO: This bill addresses a recruitment and retention issue within the Washington State Patrol. Washington State Patrol loses experienced, capable, senior officers who can provide valuable mentoring to new officers, and then must incur additional costs to train a less experienced replacement officer. This bill will allow capable officers to remain in service longer.

Persons Testifying (Transportation): PRO: Tommie Pillow, Raymond Moss, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association; Captain Jeff DeVere, Washington State Patrol.