

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6464

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As Passed Senate, February 15, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to judicial district population estimates.

**Brief Description:** Addressing judicial district population estimates.

**Sponsors:** Senator Fairley; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/28/08, 1/29/08 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/15/08, 48-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Kline, McDermott, Pridemore and Swecker.

**Staff:** Cindy Calderon (786-7784)

**Background:** District court population estimates were previously used to determine the number of Judges per District Court, and to determine the salaries of part-time judges. Currently, the Supreme Court determines the number of District Court judges. The Washington Citizens' Commission of Salaries sets part-time judges' salaries.

Population is defined as the latest population of the judicial district of each county as estimated and certified by the Office of Financial Management. Currently, the Office of Financial Management is required to estimate and certify to the county legislative authority the population of each judicial district of each county.

**Summary of Bill:** The requirement that the Office of Financial Management estimate and certify to the county legislative authority the population of each judicial district is removed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** None.

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**Persons Testifying:** No one.