

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 5316

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the removal of provisions that are no longer necessary for continued publication in the Revised Code of Washington.

Sponsors: Senators Fortunato, Rossi, Rivers, Miloscia, Padden, Becker, Braun, Angel, Warnick, Schoesler, Brown, Zeiger and Wilson.

Senate Committee on State Government
House Committee on Judiciary

Background: Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Generally. State laws are found in the RCW, which is codified and published by the Code Reviser under the supervision of the Statute Law Committee, a legislative agency.

Decodification. Decodified statutes are removed from publication in the RCW, but remain in effect. This is commonly used in situations where a statute lays out nonsubstantive language, such as an effective date, emergency clause, or severability clause, or the statute no longer has any effect going forward.

Repeal. Repealed statutes are invalid going forward and are removed from publication in the RCW and disappear altogether. This is commonly used in situations where the Legislature wants to eliminate an authority or directive, a specific statutory task has already been completed, or a specific statutory authority has not been used in a number of years.

Summary: A number of statutes are decodified, repealed, or amended, such as:

- decodification of intent sections, codification instructions, effective date clauses, rules requirements, repeal of laws, severability clauses, savings clauses, and transfers of functions;
- repeal of duplicate definitions, completed reporting requirements, one-time funding disbursements, pilot projects, program function transfers, taskforces or boards that no longer exist, workgroups, and accounts or programs that have been unused for a substantial period or were terminated; and
- amendments to statutes to correct statutory references, eliminate language referencing completed reports or expired moratoriums, account for the decodification and repeal of other statutes, and remove language that is past the timeframe specified for applicability.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0

First Special Session

Senate 45 1

Second Special Session

Senate 45 1

Third Special Session

Senate 46 1

House 93 0 (House amended)

Senate 49 0 (Senate concurred)

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