

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5166

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, January 26, 1995

Title: An act relating to judgments.

Brief Description: Regarding the renewal of judgments and the extension of judgment liens.

Sponsors: Senator Smith.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 1/23/95, 1/26/95 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5166 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Smith, Chair; C. Anderson, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Haugen, Johnson, Long, McCaslin, Quigley, Rinehart, Roach and Schow.

Staff: Martin Lovinger (786-7443)

Background: In 1994, the Legislature enacted a law that permits civil judgments to be renewed and enforced for an additional ten-year period. However, no language was included to extend a judgment lien based on an underlying judgment that has been renewed under this statute.

Summary of Substitute Bill: A lien based upon an underlying judgment that has been renewed continues in force for an additional ten-year period.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill clarifies that the lien being renewed is based upon an underlying judgment and not against the judgment itself.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This is a technical correction to address an oversight in the law enacted last year to allow renewal of judgments.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Kathy Rouner, Allied Credit (pro); Mark Gjurasic, Washington Collectors Association (pro).

