

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6401

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Standardizing references to county clerks.

Sponsors: Senators Kline, Costa, Long, Fairley, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles.

Senate Committee on Judiciary
House Committee on Judiciary

Background: Clerks of superior courts are required to keep various records. Some references exist in the Washington State code to clerks being required to keep a "journal" or a "book." There is concern that this is archaic language and inaccurate because it does not reflect how records are kept now.

Current law requires all owners of federally assisted housing to serve a written notice of the anticipated expiration or prepayment date on each tenant household residing in the housing, and on the clerk of the city or county if in an unincorporated area. Proponents of this bill believe the direction to serve notice to the county clerk is incorrect and potentially confusing.

Summary: It is clarified that where current law requires county clerks to keep certain information, the information is entered into a "record" or in the form of a "record" rather than a "journal" or "book."

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47 0
House	96 0

Effective: June 13, 2002