

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6532

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 5, 1996

Title: An act relating to exceptions from vessel registration.

Brief Description: Extending an exception from vessel registration.

Sponsors: Senators Owen, Oke, Spanel and Fraser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/1/96, 2/5/96 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6532 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; Goings, Haugen, Morton, Oke, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Schow, Sellar, Thibaudeau and Wood.

Staff: Gary Lebow (786-7304)

Background: Vessels that have a valid registration number under federal law or by an approved issuing authority of the state of principal operation are exempt from vessel registration in the state of Washington. A vessel that is validly registered in another state, but is removed to this state for principal use, has sixty days to register with this state.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Vessels that are validly registered in another state, but are removed to this state for principal use, have six months to register instead of 60 days. This extension is valid until July 1, 1999.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The expiration date, July 1, 1999, is added.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 1996.

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

Testimony For: Extending the exemption period to six months will allow owners to moor the boats over the winter, increasing business and jobs for marinas. It will also bring more boats during the boating season, creating more business and revenues for the state.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Jack Swanberg, NW Marine Trade Assn.; Brian Calvert, Port of Friday Harbor; Mindi Fowler, NW Yacht Brokers Assn.; John Woodring, NW Marine Trade Assn.; Eric Johnson, WA Public Ports Assn.