

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6570

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As of January 31, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to a study of licenses for recreational vehicle drivers.

**Brief Description:** Directing a study of recreational vehicle driver licensing.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wood and Winsley.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/31/96.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Gene Baxstrom (786-7303)

**Background:** Generally, the operation of certain types of vehicles requires special endorsements to an individual's basic driver's license. For example, to operate a motorcycle or commercial vehicles of 26,001 or more pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, an individual must pass an examination to prove that he or she has sufficient skills to operate the type of vehicle they wish to drive.

Washington law is silent on the need for endorsement on driver's licenses for recreational vehicles.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Licensing is directed to undertake a study of the possible need for special licensing of recreational vehicle drivers. The department is to seek comment and participation from affected parties including RV owner associations, law enforcement, highway safety organizations, and highway user organizations. The department is to report its finding to the Legislative Transportation Committee by December 1, 1996.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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