

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5221

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*As Passed Legislature*

**Title:** An act relating to the requirement that motor carriers provide original or duly verified photocopies of all transportation contracts when applying for permits.

**Brief Description:** Requiring motor carriers to submit copies of contracts with permit applications.

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Sellar and Snyder; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Transportation, March 25, 1991, DP;  
Passed House, April 10, 1991, 95-0;  
Passed Legislature, 95-0.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass.* Signed by 24 members:  
Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair;  
Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant  
Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Cantwell; Cooper; Day;  
G. Fisher; Forner; Haugen; Horn; P. Johnson; R. Johnson;  
Jones; Mitchell; Nelson; Orr; Prentice; Prince; Schmidt;  
Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

**Staff:** Mary McLaughlin (786-7309).

**Background:** Carriers that transport property for compensation under individual contracts are regulated as contract carriers by the Utilities & Transportation Commission. When a contract carrier applies for operating authority, the original or certified copy of the carrier's transportation service contract(s) must accompany the permit application.

With the accessibility of photocopy machines in today's society, the filing of an original or certified contract is unnecessary, as a copy serves the same purpose.

**Summary of Bill:** A photocopy of each transportation service contract must accompany a contract carrier's permit application for Utilities & Transportation Commission

operating authority. The original or certified copy of the contract is no longer required.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** Because of the availability of photocopy machines, the filing of an original or certified contract is unnecessary.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Carol Monohon, Utilities & Transportation Commission.