

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5425

AS PASSED SENATE, JANUARY 31, 1992

Brief Description: Permitting old vehicles to have blue dot taillights.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Owen)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5425 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Nelson, Vice Chairman; von Reichbauer, Vice Chairman; Erwin, Hansen, Madsen, McMullen, Oke, Skratek, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

Staff: Brad Lovaas (786-7307)

Hearing Dates: January 28, 1992; January 29, 1992

BACKGROUND:

Federal motor vehicle safety standards and state law require that all lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of any vehicle be red, amber or yellow.

SUMMARY:

A vehicle 40 years or older may use a taillight that contains a blue or purple insert.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill would allow auto enthusiasts to detail their vehicles.

TESTIMONY AGAINST:

The bill would cause recognition problems for other motorists.

TESTIFIED: Scott Cedergreen, Washington Car Club Council (pro); Brent Knott, Midnight Cruisers Car Club of Grays Harbor (pro); Tim Erickson, Washington State Patrol (con)

