

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2629

As Reported By House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to junk vehicles.

Brief Description: Revising the definition of junk vehicle.

Sponsors: Representatives R. Fisher, Appelwick, Campbell, Sommers, Edmondson and Dorn.

Brief History:

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Transportation, February 1, 1994, DPS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 22 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Jones, Vice Chair; Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Brough; Brumsickle; Cothorn; Eide; Finkbeiner; Heavey; Horn; Johanson; J. Kohl; R. Meyers; Orr; Patterson; Romero; Sheldon; Wood and Zellinsky.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 5 members: Representatives Forner; Fuhrman; Hansen; Quall and Shin.

Staff: Brad Lovaas (786-7307).

Background: In order for a vehicle to meet the statutory definition of a "junk vehicle," it must meet five requirements. Those requirements include that the vehicle: (1) is three years old or older; (2) is extensively damaged; (3) is apparently inoperable; (4) is without a valid, current registration plate; and (5) has an approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The current statute that requires a vehicle to meet all five criteria in order to be certified as a junk vehicle is changed. A vehicle must meet three of the four criteria established in this bill.

In addition, a city is authorized to provide for payment to tow truck operators or wreckers for the removal of vehicles as part of a community revitalization plan.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: A vehicle must meet three out of the four criteria established in this bill in order to be certified as a junk vehicle. Payment is authorized to tow truck operators and wreckers for removal of junk vehicles as part of a community revitalization plan.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This bill will allow for disposal of truly junk vehicles.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Gary Pedersen, City of Tacoma; Darlena Gray, Hilltop Action Coalition; Carl Turner, City of Tacoma; Jack Pleasant, Hilltop citizen; Stuart Halsan, Washington Tow Truck Association; and Mike Torbert, Able Auto Wrecking.