

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2629

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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.

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### 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.