

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2629

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 21, 1994

Brief Description: Revising the definition of junk vehicle.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Appelwick, Campbell, Sommers, Edmondson and Dorn)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Vognild, Chairman; Skratek, Vice Chairman; Haugen, Morton, Nelson, Oke, Prentice, Prince, M. Rasmussen, Schow, Sellar, Sheldon and Winsley.

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Hearing Dates: February 21, 1994

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:

The definition of a junk vehicle is changed in two ways. First, the requirement that a vehicle must be without a valid, current registration plate is deleted. Secondly, a vehicle must meet only three of the four remaining criteria in order to be classified as a junk vehicle by law enforcement.

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.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Will help city and community clean up the junk vehicles which are cluttering up the community.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Gary Pederson, City of Tacoma; Darlena Gray, Hilltop Action Committee; Carl Turner, City of Tacoma; Jack Pleasant, Tacoma Neighborhood Council