

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5274

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, MARCH 3, 1993

**Brief Description:** Adding certain miniature models to boiler regulation exemptions.

**SPONSORS:** Senator Oke

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5274 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Cantu, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, Sutherland, Vognild, and Wojahn.

**Staff:** Erika Lim (786-7488)

**Hearing Dates:** February 25, 1993; March 3, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Boilers are regulated and inspected by the state. There are a few exemptions from these regulations and inspections for boilers which are either regulated by another authority or are small enough to not create a safety hazard.

Miniature locomotives, boats, tractors, and stationary engines are sometimes built and maintained as hobbies. They all use small boilers in their operation. They are also all subject to state boiler rules and inspections.

**SUMMARY:**

Miniature locomotives, boats, tractors, and stationary engines which are built and maintained as hobbies are exempt from state boiler rules and inspections provided that their boilers are smaller than stated specifications.

**EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:**

Instead of being exempt from this chapter, hobby boilers will be granted a special permit after inspection. An exemption from this chapter is created for antique fire engines with rebuilt boilers.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Small hobby boilers do not need to be as strictly regulated as larger boilers.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Dennis Weaver, Kitsap Live Steamers; Bernard Swenson;  
Joe Brewer, Dept. of L&I