

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 6133**

**AS OF JANUARY 25, 1994**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing parades on state highways through small towns.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Roach, Skratek, Vognild, Snyder, Morton and M. Rasmussen

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Staff:** Brian McMorrow (786-7304)

**Hearing Dates:** January 25, 1994

**BACKGROUND:**

Cities and towns that want to conduct parades on state highways that run through their jurisdictions must ask the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for permission. The department has several requirements for the event, among them are: (1) the department and Washington State Patrol (WSP) must be reimbursed for all expenses that they incur during the parade; (2) the department requires that the local jurisdiction indemnify the WSDOT and WSP from losses or damages during the parade; (3) the local jurisdiction must submit to the WSDOT a traffic control plan for approval; (4) the local jurisdiction must take responsibility for all clean-up; and (5) the local jurisdiction must post in advance notice of the highway closure.

**SUMMARY:**

A city or town with a population of less than 25,000 may apply to the Department of Transportation for permission to conduct a parade on the state highway within its jurisdiction. The city or town must apply to the department at least six months before the scheduled event. If the applicant meets the criteria established by the department, a permit must be granted and a liability waiver must be issued to the city or town whose highway right-of-way is being used for the parade. The department will only assume responsibility for the parade.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested