

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1736

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**As Passed House:**

March 14, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to commercial driving instructors.

**Brief Description:** Revising regulation of commercial driving instructors.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Horn, Cairnes, Hickel, Mitchell, L. Thomas and Thompson).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/21/95, 3/6/95 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/14/95, 98-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives K. Schmidt, Chairman; Benton, Vice Chairman; Mitchell, Vice Chairman; Skinner, Vice Chairman; R. Fisher, Ranking Minority Member; Hatfield, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Blanton; Brown; Buck; Cairnes; Chandler; Chopp; Elliot; Hankins; Horn; Johnson; Koster; McMahan; Ogden; Quall; Robertson; Romero; D. Schmidt; Scott and Tokuda.

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

**Background:** Commercial driving schools offering instruction for teenagers must hire teachers certified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to teach the classroom portion of the course.

**Summary of Bill:** A person who qualifies under administrative rule to teach the classroom and laboratory phases must pay a \$10 exam fee.

Instead of a teaching certificate, a person who wants to teach driver's education to teenagers in a classroom must hold a valid instructor's license, and must complete 1,000 hours of behind-the-wheel teaching and a course of 80 hours in instructor's training approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). He or she must also pass a qualifying exam administered by SPI.

Instructors who are not currently required to undergo a background check, and who teach students under the age of 18, will be checked for prior criminal convictions or pending charges.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This bill permits competent instructors who do not have a teaching certificate to teach the classroom portion of driver's education classes.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Daniel Lilleness, Washington Professional Driver Education Association; and Tom Harris, Sears Driving School.