2659-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Fisher, K. Schmidt, Radcliff, O'Brien and Murray; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Title: Regulating collection of special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax.

## HB 2659-S - DIGEST

## (DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions relating to the collection of special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax.

Finds and declares that: (1) The health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state of Washington are dependent on the state's ability to properly collect the taxes enacted by the legislature;

- (2) the current system for collecting special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax has allowed many parties to fraudulently evade paying the special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax due the state; and
- (3) by changing the point of collection of the special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax from distributors to suppliers, the department of licensing will have fewer parties to collect tax from and enforcement will be enhanced, thus leading to greater revenues for the state.