

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6437

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions, February 1, 2000

Title: An act relating to trade name registrations.

Brief Description: Modifying provisions concerning the registration of business trade names.

Sponsors: Senators Prentice and Winsley; by request of Department of Licensing.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions: 1/28/2000, 2/1/2000 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRADE, HOUSING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Benton, Deccio, Gardner, Hale, Heavey, Rasmussen, T. Sheldon and Winsley.

Staff: Elizabeth Mitchell (786-7430)

Background: A signature is currently required to execute the registration of a trade name and to change one's name or address. No signature is required to cancel a trade name registration. There is concern that the signature requirement at registration may not be conducive with Internet registration, and is inconsistent with cancellation procedures.

Summary of Bill: The signature requirement is removed from the registration process. A signature is not required when changing one's name or address.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The elimination of a signature will simplify the application process. Many other state services are available without a signature.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Nancy Skewis, Department of Licensing (pro).