

*Transportation Committee*

**HB 2216**

**Brief Description:** *Clarifying vehicle license fees and distribution thereof.*

**Sponsors:** *Representatives Hankins and Fisher.*

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- *Permanently deposits vehicle license fees into Motor Vehicle Fund.*

**Hearing Date:** *4/9/01*

**Staff:** *Jerry Long (786-7306).*

**Background:**

*Initiative 695, approved by Washington voters in November 1999, would have eliminated motor vehicle excise taxes and set motor vehicle registration fees at \$30. When the initiative was held invalid by the courts, the 2000 Legislature set motor vehicle registration fees at \$30. The State Patrol Highway Account received an increase in revenue from an average of \$20.35 per license fee to an average \$26.10.*

*However, due to a revised definition of motor vehicles,– non-motorized trailers were exempt from the new base fee.*

**Summary of Bill:**

*Restores the application of the \$30 license tab fee to all vehicles. It returns the Washington State Patrol's share of the revenue from each original and renewal license fee to \$20.35. The distribution fee to the Puget Sound Ferry Account remains the same, the basis for calculation is changed from a percentage to a flat \$2.02 of each vehicle license. All remaining revenue will be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Account.*

**Appropriation:** *None.*

***Fiscal Note: Available.***

***Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2001.***