

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6654

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As of February 5, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to transit agencies self-insuring for industrial insurance.

**Brief Description:** Allowing transit agencies to self-insure.

**Sponsors:** Senators Horn and Haugen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Trade: 2/6/04.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

**Staff:** Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

**Background:** Under current law, the only entities permitted to group self-insure for workers' compensation benefits are two or more school districts or educational service districts; public hospital districts or hospitals owned or operated by the state or local government; and other hospitals not publicly owned.

**Summary of Bill:** Two or more public transportation benefit areas (PTBA) or one PTBA and at least one county public transportation authority may group self-insure to provide workers' compensation benefits.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 5, 2004.

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