

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5321

As Passed Senate, March 4, 2005

Title: An act relating to disclosure of addresses of vehicle owners.

Brief Description: Regulating disclosure of addresses of vehicle owners.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen and Esser.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/7/05, 2/9/05 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/4/05, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benson, Eide, Esser, Mulliken and Oke.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) may provide legal and registered vehicle owner information only to certain groups for specified uses.

Summary of Bill: When both a residential and a mailing address are on file with the DOL, only the mailing address may be disclosed unless the request for information is from: a law enforcement agency; a government entity with enforcement, investigative, or taxing authority; or for use in court proceedings or preparation for court proceedings.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: This legislation allows for the protection of sensitive private information.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Fred Stephens, Department of Licensing; Rick Jensen, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association.

House Amendment(s): Language allowing residence addresses to be disclosed for use in, or preparation of, court proceedings is removed. Courts are added as one of the entities that may request residence address information for use in the normal course of conducting their business.

Passed House: 93-3.