

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6486

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 6, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to commercial driver's licenses reciprocity agreements.

**Brief Description:** Permitting commercial driver's license reciprocity agreements.

**Sponsors:** Senators Schoesler, Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Morton, Sheldon and Delvin.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/26/06, 2/6/06 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Benson, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Eide, Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Sheldon, Spanel, Swecker and Weinstein.

**Staff:** Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

**Background:** In order to operate a commercial motor vehicle in Washington on public highways, generally a person must hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) with the applicable endorsements for the vehicle they are driving. Exempt from this requirement are the following:

- 1) The operator of a farm vehicle controlled and operated by a farmer. The vehicle itself must be used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm. Additionally, the vehicle cannot be used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier and it must be used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm;
- 2) A firefighter or law enforcement officer operating emergency equipment who has completed an approved driver training course; and
- 3) The operator of a recreational vehicle used for noncommercial purposes.

Federal rules prohibit these exemptions in Washington for non-Washington CDL holders unless there is a reciprocity agreement in place with adjoining states.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Licensing is directed to enter into reciprocity agreements with adjoining states.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** Many farms are located at the borders which makes this bill a necessity.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Senator Mark Schoesler, prime sponsor.