

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 3183

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to exempting park maintenance equipment operated by certain local jurisdictions from vehicle license and license plate requirements.

Brief Description: Exempting park maintenance equipment operated by certain local jurisdictions from vehicle license and license plate requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives McDonald, Flannigan and Dunn.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/4/08, 2/6/08 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Exempts city, county, park and recreational district, and metropolitan park district maintenance equipment from vehicle licensing requirements when operating on city or county roads.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Flannigan, Vice Chair; Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Schindler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Armstrong, Campbell, Dickerson, Eddy, Herrera, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kristiansen, Loomis, Rodne, Rolfes, Sells, Simpson, Smith, Springer, Takko, Upthegrove, Wallace, Warnick, Williams and Wood.

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

Vehicles operated on public roads and highways must have a current vehicle license issued by the Department of Licensing. Specific vehicles are exempt from this requirement.

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Summary of Substitute Bill:

City, county, park and recreational district, and metropolitan park district maintenance equipment that is used primarily for maintenance and not for transportation is exempt from vehicle licensing requirements when operating on city or county roads.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

Park maintenance equipment does not include vehicles that must be licensed under current law. Metropolitan park districts' park maintenance equipment is exempt from vehicle licensing requirements.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: (In support) Currently cities must load equipment on a trailer or arrange for a police escort to transport park maintenance equipment. This bill will help a number of cities comply with the law.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative McDonald, prime sponsor; Jim Reinbold and Kurt Reuter, City of Fife; and Ashley Probart, Association of Washington Cities.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.