

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6277

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 04, 2008

Title: An act relating to accommodating certain private transit providers at park and ride lots.

Brief Description: Requiring the accommodation of certain private transit providers at park and ride lots.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen and Spanel.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/23/08, 2/04/08 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6277 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Delvin, Holmquist, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

Staff: Kelly Simpson (786-7403)

Background: Various local transit agencies own and operate park and ride lots as part of the agencies' public transportation service. The transit agencies provide regularly scheduled service at the lots. The park and ride lots are not specifically established for the purpose of accommodating private transit options, such as aeroporters and special needs transportation providers.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): Any local transit agency that has received state funding for a park and ride lot must accommodate at that lot auto transportation companies (e.g., aeroporters) or special needs transportation providers. However, only private transit providers that intend to provide, or already provide, regularly scheduled service at that lot qualify for the accommodation. The accommodation must be in the form of an agreement between the transit agency and the private transit provider that coordinates arrival and departure schedules.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Certain local transit agencies may enter into agreements with regulated taxicab companies in order to accommodate the taxicab companies at local park and ride lots.

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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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This bill would serve the public by expanding the reach of public transportation services.

OTHER: Transit agencies have concerns that with many park and ride lots already close to reaching full capacity, this bill could impair the functionality of the lots. It may also encourage illegal parking. Some of the bill language is ambiguous

Persons Testifying: PRO: Chris Van Dyk, BYG Taxicab Cooperative.

OTHER: Peter Thein, Washington State Transit Association; Chuck Williams, King County.