SENATE BILL REPORT
SSB 5793

As Passed Senate, March 6, 2009

Title: An act relating to a single-occupancy farm conveyance.

Brief Description: Concerning a single-occupancy farm conveyance.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hewitt, Honeyford and Morton).

Brief History:
  Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/23/09 [DPS].
  Passed Senate: 3/06/09, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5793 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.
  Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Holmquist, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin, Honeyford, King and Kline.

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: All privately and publicly owned elevators and other conveyances must have operating permits and are subject to annual safety inspections by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). Certain lifts and hoists are exempt from the permit and inspection requirements.

Summary of Substitute Bill: Single-occupancy farm conveyances used exclusively by a farm operator and the farm operator's family members are exempt from L&I permit and inspection requirements. Single-occupancy farm conveyances are hand-powered counterweighted single-occupancy conveyances that travel vertically in a grain elevator and are located on farms that do not accept commercial grain.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill has agreement of all involved and has been well worked.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Schoesler, prime sponsor.