

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6649

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2010

Title: An act relating to driving record abstracts.

Brief Description: Streamlining the content and release requirements of driving record abstracts.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Marr, Swecker, Haugen, Tom and Shin).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/26/10, 1/28/10 [DPS].
Passed Senate: 2/12/10, 45-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6649 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kilmer and King.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) maintains a case record on every person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in Washington. These case records, or abstracts, contain information relating to a person's driving record. Current law restricts the distribution of abstracts to certain persons and uses.

The current abstract statutes are challenging for the reader to follow. As such, the 2009-11 biennial transportation budget directed DOL to submit to the Legislature draft legislation that rewrites the statutes in plain language.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The abstract statutes are written in plain language to assist the reader. The bill is revenue and policy neutral.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Thank you for the support you have shown the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the past years regarding the providing of access to the driving records of school bus drivers – this is a step towards safety.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Allan Jones, Director of Student Transportation, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.