

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6826

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As Amended by House, March 3, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to subagent service fees.

**Brief Description:** Increasing certain fees of licensing subagents.

**Sponsors:** Senator Swecker.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/08/10 [DP, w/oRec].

Passed Senate: 2/12/10, 39-3.

Passed House: 3/03/10, 88-9.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Jacobsen, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Becker, Hatfield and Kastama.

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

**Background:** Under current law, subagents have a contract with a county auditor to perform vehicle licensing functions. Subagents collect a service fee of \$10 for changes in a certificate of ownership, with or without registration renewal, or verifications of the records and preparation of an affidavit of lost title. Subagents charge a \$4 service fee for renewing a vehicle registration, issuing a transit permit or other vehicle services.

**Summary of Bill:** The subagent service fee for changes in certificate of ownership, verification of record and preparation of an affidavit of lost title is increased to \$12. The fee for renewing a registration, issuing a transit permit, or other services is raised to \$5.

**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: The livelihood of subagents depends on the convenience fee.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Jan Novak, George Cohee, Don McCallum, Washington Assn. of Vehicle Subagents.

**House Amendment(s):** DOL must implement a rotation of subagents and county auditors on its website.