

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2274

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 20, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to allowing registered tow truck operators to pass the costs of tolls and ferry fares to the impounded vehicle's registered owner.

**Brief Description:** Allowing registered tow truck operators to pass the costs of tolls and ferry fares to the impounded vehicle's registered owner.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Armstrong, Clibborn and Ormsby.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/08/12, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/16/12, 2/20/12 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Eide, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Ericksen, Frockt, Hill, Litzow, Prentice, Rolfes, Shin and Swecker.

**Staff:** Clint McCarthy (786-7319)

**Background:** Registered tow truck operators are allowed to collect the costs of towing, storage, or other services rendered during the course of towing, removing, impounding, or storing impounded vehicles.

**Summary of Bill:** Registered tow truck operators are allowed to charge the registered owner of an impounded vehicle for tolls and ferry fares paid during the towing, removing, impounding, or storing of an impounded vehicle.

**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.

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**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Although the amount of money involved is small – only a few thousand dollars a year – it would be more appropriate for registered owners to pay for necessary tolls and ferry fares incurred.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Stu Halsan, Towing and Recovery Assn.