

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5038

As of February 14, 2011

Title: An act relating to vehicle and vessel quick title.

Brief Description: Concerning vehicle and vessel quick title.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Ranker, Swecker, Stevens and Honeyford.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/25/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Vehicle and vessel title changes in Washington can be made at county auditors, other agents, subagents, or at the Department of Licensing (DOL). Seven county auditors in Washington presently prepare quick titles, which are titles that are processed by the counties and given to the applicant immediately.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): A quick title is defined as a certificate of ownership printed at the time of application.

A \$25 fee is charged by the participating county auditor or other agent. When the transaction is performed by the county auditor or DOL's agent, \$12.50 of the fee is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund for a vehicle, or the General Fund for a vessel, and the balance is retained by the county treasurer or DOL's agent. If the transaction is performed by DOL, the entire fee is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund for a vehicle, or the General Fund for a vessel.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect on December 1, 2011.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill will have a positive economic impact by helping to increase auto sales in Washington. This bill will also encourage more county auditors to offer this service to the public.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Jeanne Youngquist, Skagit County Auditor; Skip Moore, Chelan County Auditor; Jan Novak, Don McCallum, Washington Association of Vehicle Subagents.