

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5246

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 24, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to employer review of abstracts of driving records.

**Brief Description:** Concerning employer review of abstracts of driving records.

**Sponsors:** Senators Chase, Harper, White and Nelson.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/03/11, 2/07/11, 2/24/11 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5246 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

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

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

**Background:** The Director of 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. The fee to obtain an abstract is \$10 and the distribution of abstracts is restricted to certain persons and uses. The DOL may enter into a contractual agreement with an insurance company or its agent for the limited purpose of reviewing the driving records of existing policyholders for changes to the record and must establish a fee for this service which may not result in a net revenue loss to the state.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** DOL may provide an employer or its agent with a review of the driving records of existing employees documenting changes to the record. DOL must establish the fee such that, at a minimum, it covers the cost of providing the service in addition to any revenues that would have otherwise been received from fees for abstracts from that employer.

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**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute):** The original bill required a contractual agreement and was unclear as to how the fee was to be established.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** PRO: This will make it easier for employers to monitor changes in their employees' driving records in a more timely manner.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Chase, prime sponsor; Dylan Doty, Raj Vhan, Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Rick Jensen, Dealers Auto Auction NW; Jim Fricke, Capital Aeroporter.