

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5246

As Amended by House, March 1, 2012

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

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

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Chase, Harper, White and Nelson).

Brief History:

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

Passed Senate: 2/14/12, 45-4.

Passed House: 3/01/12, 96-0.

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

Staff: Kim Johnson (786-7472)

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 Substitute Bill: 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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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.

House Amendment(s): Modified the language to authorize DOL to enter into contractual agreements with an employer or the employer's agent to review the driving records of existing employees during specified periods of time for changes to the records. Requires that DOL establish the fee for this service such that there will not be a net revenue loss to the state.