

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5791

As Amended by House, April 5, 2011

Title: An act relating to commercial activity at certain park and ride lots.

Brief Description: Allowing certain commercial activity at certain park and ride lots.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Fain, King, Haugen and White).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/23/11, 2/24/11 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 3/03/11, 46-0.

Passed House: 4/05/11, 56-39.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5791 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, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

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Background: Various local transit agencies own and operate park and ride lots as part of the agencies' public transportation service. Many of these park and ride lots received state transportation funding. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) owns and operates park and ride lots.

Summary of Substitute Bill: WSDOT, or any local transit agency that has received state funding for a park and ride lot, may contract with private vendors to provide various services at the park and ride lots such as food or beverage services, grocery and convenience store services, or other private enterprise services that are of benefit to the traveling public. Lease payments derived from the arrangement must first be applied towards maintenance and operations of the applicable park and ride lot and the remainder must be deposited into the state Multimodal Transportation Account if the park and ride lot is owned by the local transit agency or the Motor Vehicle Fund if the park and ride lot is owned by WSDOT. WSDOT

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must adopt rules to administer the program, including a flexible process to prioritize local business interests when entering into lease agreements.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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 Proposed Substitute as Heard in Committee:

PRO: This is a creative, outside the box way for transit programs to raise revenue. Local transit agencies are struggling financially and this bill would help provide financial support and at the same time add services for the traveling public. WSDOT would like a bit more flexibility in its rulemaking regarding prioritizing neighboring businesses. Excess revenue should go partly to the motor vehicle fund and partly to the multimodal transportation account.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Duke Schaub, Associated General Contractors of WA; Davor Gjurasic, Community Transit; Brian Lagerberg, WSDOT; David Johnson, WA State Building Trades.

House Amendment(s):

- Requires that any lease payments entered into under the act are at fair market value and comparable to market rates in the area of the park and ride lot.
- Requires that any excess lease payments must be deposited into the Multimodal Transportation Account.