

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5598

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Commerce & Labor, February 18, 2015

**Title:** An act relating to creating a dedicated account for elevators, lifting devices, moving walks, manufactured and mobile homes, recreational and commercial vehicles, factory built housing and commercial structures, and contractor registration and compliance activities.

**Brief Description:** Creating a dedicated account for elevators, lifting devices, moving walks, manufactured and mobile homes, recreational and commercial vehicles, factory built housing and commercial structures, and contractor registration and compliance activities.

**Sponsors:** Senators Conway, Warnick, Kohl-Welles and Keiser; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 2/13/15, 2/18/15 [DP-WM].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Majority Report:** Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Baumgartner, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Hasegawa, Ranking Minority Member; Conway, Keiser, King and Warnick.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) regulates elevators, factory-assembled structures, and construction contractors. Inspection, permit, and registration fees are collected through all three programs, and L&I can impose penalties on individuals for violations of program rules and regulations. Fees and penalties from the programs are deposited into the state general fund, and L&I gets a general fund appropriation each biennium to cover the enforcement and administrative costs of the programs.

**Summary of Bill:** The Construction Registration Account (Account) is created in the state treasury. All revenues generated from elevator, factory-assembled structures, and contractor registration programs, except fines and penalties, are deposited in the Account. Fines and penalties are deposited in the state general fund. Fees deposited into the Account must be set at a level as near as practicable to support the operations of the three programs. Additionally,

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7 percent of revenues received into the Account, net of refunds paid to customers, must be transferred into the state general fund quarterly.

**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:** PRO: The bill is designed so the state general fund would not be impacted. The bill creates a dedicated account for three fee-supported programs. The account would still be subject to legislative appropriation.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Tammy Fellin, L&I.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.