
Transportation Committee

SSB 6277

Brief Description: Providing for the accommodation of certain private transit providers at park and ride lots.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Spanel).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires transit agencies that have received state funding for a park and ride lot to accommodate auto transportation companies and special needs transportation providers at the park and ride lot.

Hearing Date: 2/27/08

Staff: Kathryn Leathers (786-7114).

Background:

Various local transit agencies own and operate park and ride lots as part of the agencies' public transportation services, and the transit agencies provide regularly scheduled service at these lots. Park and ride lots are not specifically established for the purpose of accommodating private transportation options, such as airporters, or special needs transportation providers. "Special needs transportation" means transportation provided to persons, including their attendants, who are unable to transport themselves or purchase appropriate transportation due to physical or mental disability, income status, or age.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Local transit agencies that have received state funding for a park and ride lot must, to the greatest extent possible, accommodate private auto transportation companies (for example, airporters) and private, nonprofit special needs transportation providers at the park and ride lot.

Accommodation must be made in the form of an agreement between the transit agency and the transportation provider. The agreement must include provisions coordinating arrival and

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departure schedules. If a transit agency enters into an accommodation agreement with a taxicab company, the taxicab company must agree to provide service with reasonable availability.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.