FINAL BILL REPORT ESSB 5179

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying snowmobile registration provisions.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama and Rasmussen).

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Senate Committee on Transportation House Committee on Transportation

Background: Snowmobiles must be registered with the Department of Licensing (DOL) if owned, transported, or operated in Washington State (unless exempted elsewhere in law, e.g., snowmobiles owned or operated by a government, or snowmobiles owned by residents of certain states, or Canadian provinces operating temporarily in Washington State).

Registration fees are to be established by the State Parks and Recreation Commission. Registration fees are also set in statute at \$30 per year for snowmobiles less than 30 years old and \$12 per year for vintage snowmobiles.

Summary: Snowmobiles must be registered with DOL only if operated in Washington State. A person who owns or transports a snowmobile in Washington, but does not operate it, is not required to register the snowmobile.

Contradictory language directing the registration fees to be established by the State Parks and Recreation Commission is deleted.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0 House 96 0

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