SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5419

As Reported by Senate Committee On: Transportation, February 5, 2009

Title: An act relating to voluntary donations of vehicle owners at the time of initial or renewal registration.

Brief Description: Concerning voluntary donations of vehicle owners at the time of initial or renewal registration.

Sponsors: Senator Haugen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/03/09, 2/05/09 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5419 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Jarrett, Kastama, Kauffman, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Persons must ensure that a vehicle is properly licensed before operating that vehicle on a public highway. License tab fees are \$30 for motor vehicles, which include cars, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, and motor homes. License fees for vehicles including trucks, tractors, and busses are imposed on a sliding scale based on weight.

In 2007 legislation was passed directing the Department of Licensing (DOL) to provide an opportunity for vehicle owners to voluntarily donate \$5 to benefit state parks when making an initial or renewal registration of a vehicle. Donations must be deposited in the State Park Renewal and Stewardship Account.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The amount that may be donated to benefit state parks is changed to \$5 or more.

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Effective with registrations due on or after January 1, 2010, DOL is directed to provide an opportunity for vehicle owners to voluntarily donate \$5 or more to provide life skills education for young people from ages five through 19. Donations are to be deposited in the newly created non-appropriated 4-H account from which expenditures may only be authorized by the state's designated 4-H program director or designee.

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: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.