SENATE BILL REPORT SB 6826

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2010

Title: An act relating to subagent service fees.

Brief Description: Increasing certain fees of licensing subagents.

Sponsors: Senator Swecker.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/08/10 [DP, w/oRec].

Passed Senate: 2/12/10, 39-3.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Jacobsen, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Becker, Hatfield and Kastama.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Under current law, subagents have a contract with a county auditor to perform vehicle licensing functions. Subagents collect a service fee of \$10 for changes in a certificate of ownership, with or without registration renewal, or verifications of the records and preparation of an affidavit of lost title. Subagents charge a \$4 service fee for renewing a vehicle registration, issuing a transit permit or other vehicle services.

Summary of Bill: The subagent service fee for changes in certificate of ownership, verification of record and preparation of an affidavit of lost title is increased to \$12. The fee for renewing a registration, issuing a transit permit, or other services is raised to \$5.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The livelihood of subagents depends on the convenience fee.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Jan Novak, George Cohee, Don McCallum, Washington Assn. of Vehicle Subagents.

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