

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6489

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**As Passed House:**  
February 26, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to refunds of overpayments of license fees and motor vehicle excise taxes.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying criteria for refund of overpayments of vehicle and vessel license fees.

**Sponsors:** Senators Owen and Prince; by request of Department of Licensing.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/20/96 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/26/96, 95-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 23 members: Representatives K. Schmidt, Chairman; Benton, Vice Chairman; Mitchell, Vice Chairman; R. Fisher, Ranking Minority Member; Hatfield, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Blanton; Cairnes; Chopp; Elliot; Hankins; Horn; Johnson; McMahan; Ogden; Patterson; Quall; Robertson; Romero; D. Schmidt; Scott; Sterk and Tokuda.

**Staff:** Jeff Doyle (786-7322).

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) has limited authority to issue motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) refunds or refunds of vessel registration fees.

**Summary of Bill:** The DOL may refund MVET and vessel registration fees in the following circumstances:

- (1) if the vehicle or vessel for which the renewal license is purchased is destroyed before the beginning date of the registration period;
- (2) if the registered vehicle or vessel is permanently moved from the state either before the registration period begins, or during the registration period (in the latter case, only a pro rata share of the taxes and fees are refunded);

- (3) if the vehicle or vessel license is purchased after the owner sold the vehicle or vessel.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.