

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5138

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, March 3, 2005

Title: An act relating to transportation fees.

Brief Description: Modifying transportation fees.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen, Swecker, Haugen, Oke and Poulsen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/22/05, 3/3/05 [DPS, MMR].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5138 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Eide, Kastama, Oke, Spanel and Weinstein.

Minority Report: Multiple Minority Reports.

Signed by Senators Benson, Esser and Mulliken.

Staff: David Ward (786-7341)

Background: Substitute Senate Bill 6814, enacted in 2002, requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to conduct a biennial study comparing the fees it charges for services to the cost of the agency to provide the service. The purpose of the study is to ensure cost recovery for DOL's services. The study is to be submitted to the transportation committees of the Legislature in even years. The initial study, submitted in 2004, found that a number of fees are insufficient to cover DOL's cost of providing the good or service.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The following DOL fees are raised:

- The reflectorized plate fee is raised from 50 cents to \$2;
- The reflectorized plate set fee is raised from \$2 to \$4;
- The fee for replacement plates is raised from \$3 to \$10;
- The fee for an original driver's license application is raised from \$10 to \$20;
- The fee for an identicard is raised from \$15 to \$20;
- The fee for a driver permit is raised from \$15 to \$20;
- The fee to get a driver's license reinstated after a non-alcohol related offense is raised from \$20 to \$75;
- The fee for a DUI hearing is raised from \$100 to \$200;
- The license fee on private use trailers under 2,000 lbs. is reduced from \$30 to \$15.

The reference to state patrol highway account is removed from Section 9 of the bill.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was not considered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested for the substitute version on February 18, 2005.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2005.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: No one.