

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5463

As Passed Senate, March 8, 2005

Title: An act relating to recreational vehicle appurtenances.

Brief Description: Allowing small appurtenances on recreational vehicles.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Doumit and Morton).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/7/05, 2/9/05 [DPS].
Passed Senate: 3/8/05, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5463 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benson, Eide, Esser, Kastama, Mulliken and Oke.

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Background: Under current law, the outside width of any vehicle or load may not exceed an outside width of eight and one-half feet. Excluded from this calculation are safety appliances and appurtenances, provided they do not extend more than three inches beyond the extreme limits of the body.

Summary of Bill: Motor homes, travel trailers, and campers may have appurtenances up to four inches beyond vehicle body, unless it is an awning in which case it may extend up to six inches beyond the vehicle body. Appurtenance is an appendage installed by a factory or vehicle dealer and intended to be an integral part of the vehicle. An appurtenance is not a temporarily fixed item, an item for the purpose of transporting another item, or any item that obstructs the driver's rearward vision.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: This legislation brings consistency with other states' laws.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Stu Halsan, Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. PRO with CONCERNS: Tom Erickson, Washington State Department of Transportation.