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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 1504

**Brief Description:** Concerning employer review of abstracts of driving records.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fitzgibbon, Moscoso and Finn.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Department of Licensing (DOL) to enter into a contractual agreement with an employer or its agent for the purpose of reviewing driving records of existing employees during specified periods of time.
- Authorized the DOL to establish a fee for the service which may not result in a net revenue loss to the state.

**Hearing Date:** 2/14/11

**Staff:** Jerry Long (786-7306).

#### Background:

The Director of the Department of Licensing (DOL) maintains a driving record on every person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Washington. These records, or driver abstracts, contain information relating to a person's driving record which include: accident information, driving status, and information about traffic citations.

The DOL charges a \$10 fee to obtain a driver's abstract and is restricted to the following persons and uses:

- the individual named in the abstract;
- employers or prospective employers relating to driving as a condition of employment;
- volunteer organizations where driving is required;
- transit authorities for volunteer vanpool drivers;
- insurance carriers for an individual covering the period of not more than the last three years;

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- state colleges, universities, or agencies, or units of local government for employment and risk management purposes authorized to self-insure;
- the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for school bus drivers;
- circumstances related to traffic offenses:
  1. alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agencies; and
  2. city attorneys and county prosecuting attorneys.

Any negligent violation of these authorized uses is a gross misdemeanor and any intentional violation is a class C felony.

**Summary of Bill:**

The DOL may enter into a contractual agreement with an employer or its agent for the purpose of reviewing the driving records of existing employees for changes to the record and must establish a fee for this service, which may not result in a net revenue loss to the state.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.