

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5578

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 14, 2011

Title: An act relating to the frequency of meetings of the motorcycle safety education advisory board.

Brief Description: Modifying the frequency of meetings of the motorcycle safety education advisory board.

Sponsors: Senator White.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/09/11, 2/14/11 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5578 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; White, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Eide, Ericksen, Hill, Hobbs, Litzow, Nelson, Prentice, Ranker, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

Staff: Katherine Taylor (786-7434)

Background: The Motorcycle Safety Education Advisory Board was created to assist the Director of Licensing in the development of a motorcycle operator training education program.

The board monitors the program and reports to the Director of Licensing as necessary with recommendations regarding administration, application, and substance of the motorcycle operator training and education program.

Currently, the law requires that the board meet at the call of the director, but not less than two times annually and not less than five times during its term of appointment.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

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Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The board must meet quarterly and no longer at the call of the director.

One member of the board must be a currently employed Washington State Patrol officer with at least five years of experience and at least one year cumulative experience as a motorcycle officer or motorcycle instructor or one year of other professional experience in the field of motorcycle safety and education.

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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Changing the frequency of the board meetings would merely mirror how often the board already meets; the board helps reduce fatalities, and increase safety.

Persons Testifying: PRO: "Texas" Larry Walker, Washington Road Riders Assn., Jason Berry, Washington State Patrol.