

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6143

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As of January 20, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to vehicle inspections conducted by the Washington state patrol.

**Brief Description:** Funding vehicle inspections conducted by the Washington state patrol.

**Sponsors:** Senator Honeyford.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation:

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Dory On (786-7321)

**Background:** A proper certificate of ownership and certificate of license registration are required before a vehicle may be operated on public highways in Washington. An application for an original certificate of ownership of a vehicle, which is submitted to the Department of Licensing, must be accompanied by an application fee of five dollars and satisfactory evidence of ownership.

In addition to the application fee and any applicable registration fees, the Department of Licensing collects: 1) a fee of fifteen dollars for each vehicle previously registered in any other state or country ("out-of-state fee"), and 2) an inspection fee of fifty dollars for each vehicle requiring a physical examination ("inspection fee").

Funds collected for out-of-state fees and inspection fees are deposited into the motor vehicle fund for road, street, and highway purposes. The motor vehicle fund is also the repository of fees collected upon application for a certificate of ownership covering a vehicle with an obliterated or otherwise absent vehicle identification number (VIN).

**Summary of Bill:** A new account is created called the vehicle inspection account. Out-of-state fees and inspection fees collected upon application for certificate of ownership, which were previously deposited into the motor vehicle fund, must be deposited into the vehicle inspection fund.

Expenditures from the vehicle inspection fund may be used only for vehicle inspections conducted by the Washington State Patrol as authorized by the chief of the Washington State Patrol or the chief's designee. The vehicle inspection account is subject to the allotment procedures of the state budgeting, accounting, and reporting system, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures from the account.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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