

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESB 5616

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning the use of farm vehicles on public highways.

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheldon, Smith, Schoesler, Hargrove, Hatfield, Hewitt and Shin.

**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** Farm vehicles that are used incidentally on public highways are exempt from vehicle registration, but a farmer must apply for a farm exempt decal. A farm exempt decal must be displayed on the farm vehicle so that it is clearly visible from outside the vehicle. A farm exempt decal allows a farm vehicle to be operated within a 15-mile radius of the farm where it is principally used or garaged.

**Summary:** A farm exempt vehicle may be used incidentally on public highways within 25 miles of the farm where it is principally used to travel between farms or other locations to engage in activities that support farming operations.

Farm exempt decals must be visible from the rear of the vehicle.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0	
House	93	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 28, 2013.

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