

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5220**

**AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 6, 1991**

**Brief Description:** Modifying railroad crossing inspection fees.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Patterson and Vognild; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; von Reichbauer, Vice Chairman; Conner, Erwin, Hansen, Oke, Sellar, Skratek, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

**Staff:** Mary McLaughlin (786-7309)

**Hearing Dates:** February 5, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) is charged with inspecting log and industrial railroad crossings located within the state that are owned by private railroad companies. The maximum fee for these inspections was statutorily set in 1961 at \$10 per inspection.

The UTC estimates that the cost of inspecting the 200 industrial railroad crossings in the state has risen to approximately \$25 per inspection.

**SUMMARY:**

The maximum \$10 inspection fee for log and industrial grade crossing inspections is changed to an amount determined by the commission. The fee is to be based on the cost of rendering inspection services.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Changing the inspection fee from a statutorily fixed fee to an amount determined by the commission will better reflect the cost of administering the program.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Carol Monohon, UTC (for); Cathy Anderson, UTC (for)