

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6110

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Highways & Transportation, February 9, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to small trailer license fees.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing a reduced license fee for personal use trailers.

**Sponsors:** Senators Benton, Winsley, Carlson, Roach, Parlette, Johnson and Mulliken.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Highways & Transportation: 2/9/04 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6110 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Horn, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Swecker, Vice Chair; Esser, Haugen, Jacobsen, Kastama, Mulliken, Murray, Oke, Poulsen and Spanel.

**Staff:** Dean Carlson (786-7305)

**Background:** Prior to 2002, personal use trailers under 2,000 pounds were exempt from paying vehicle registration fees. They paid \$4.50 for an original registration and \$3.25 for a renewal registration.

In the 2002 session, the Legislature repealed the statute that exempted small trailers from paying vehicle registration fees. Because of this, small trailers became subject to the \$30 vehicle registration fee and, in certain counties, became subject to the local licensing fees.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** Single-axle personal use trailers under 2,000 pounds must pay an annual license fee of \$15. Commercial trailers and trailers held for rent are not included in this lower licensing fee.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill was not considered.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 4, 2004.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect for registrations due or become due on October 1, 2004, and thereafter.

**Testimony For:** These trailers are much lighter and used less frequently than other vehicles so it is unfair to license them at the same price. Boaters support this as \$30 is too much for trailers with such infrequent use.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Howard Briggs, Washington State Snowmobile Association (pro); Ray Schow, RBAW (pro).