

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5109

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Water, Energy & Telecommunications, February 23, 2007

Title: An act relating to the department of ecology's adoption of rules to implement California's motor vehicle emissions standards.

Brief Description: Modifying requirements that direct the department of ecology to adopt rules to implement the state of California's motor vehicle emissions standards.

Sponsors: Senators Rockefeller, Poulsen, Kohl-Welles and Murray.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Water, Energy & Telecommunications: 2/14/07, 2/23/07 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Poulsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Marr, Morton, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Honeyford, Ranking Minority Member; Delvin and Holmquist.

Staff: Jan Odano (786-7486)

Background: In 2005, the Legislature adopted the California motor vehicle emissions standards, excluding zero emission vehicle program regulations. This authorized the Department of Ecology to adopt rules effective only for those model years for which Oregon had adopted the California vehicle emission standards. Oregon and the Department of Ecology have completed rulemaking. The reference to the rules are effective only for those model years for which Oregon has adopted the California vehicle emission standards is obsolete.

Summary of Bill: The reference that rules are effective only for those model years for which Oregon has adopted the California motor vehicle emission standards is removed.

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.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: CON: The bill removes one of the requested amendments by the auto dealers on the 2005 Vehicle Emissions Standards provisions. It puts Washington citizens at a disadvantage to citizens in Oregon. We need to maintain parity with Oregon and ensure that parity continues if the California Motor Vehicle standards are revised.

Persons Testifying: CON: Scott Hazelgrove, Washington State Auto Dealers Association.