

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6423

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the definition of farm vehicle.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King and Holmquist Newbry).

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Generally under current state law, drivers of commercial motor vehicles must first obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL) and applicable endorsements valid for the vehicle they are driving. Farmers operating farm vehicles are exempt from the CDL requirement, when the farm vehicles are used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or from a farm. However, the general definition of farm vehicle, applicable throughout the broader Motor Vehicles code (Title 46 RCW), is limited to those vehicles only incidentally operated on public highways for the purpose of going from one farm to another.

Summary: The general definition of farm vehicle applicable to the Motor Vehicles code is revised to conform with the use of that term within the specific CDL exemption provided for farmers operating farm vehicles.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	97	1

Effective: June 7, 2012

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