

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5598

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As of February 1, 2016

**Title:** An act relating to creating a dedicated account for elevators, lifting devices, moving walks, manufactured and mobile homes, recreational and commercial vehicles, factory built housing and commercial structures, and contractor registration and compliance activities.

**Brief Description:** Creating a dedicated account for elevators, lifting devices, moving walks, manufactured and mobile homes, recreational and commercial vehicles, factory built housing and commercial structures, and contractor registration and compliance activities.

**Sponsors:** Senators Conway, Warnick, Kohl-Welles and Keiser; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 2/13/15, 2/18/15 [DP-WM].  
Ways & Means: 2/02/16.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Majority Report:** Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Baumgartner, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Hasegawa, Ranking Minority Member; Conway, Keiser, King and Warnick.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Julie Murray (786-7711)

**Background:** The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) regulates elevators, factory-assembled structures, and construction contractors. Inspection, permit, and registration fees are collected through all three programs, and L&I can impose penalties on individuals for violations of program rules and regulations. Fees and penalties from the programs are deposited into the state general fund, and L&I gets a general fund appropriation each biennium to cover the enforcement and administrative costs of the programs.

**Summary of Bill:** The Construction Registration Account (Account) is created in the state treasury. All revenues generated from elevator, factory-assembled structures, and contractor

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registration programs, except fines and penalties, are deposited in the Account. Fines and penalties are deposited in the state general fund. Fees deposited into the Account must be set at a level as near as practicable to support the operations of the three programs. Additionally, 7 percent of revenues received into the Account, net of refunds paid to customers, must be transferred into the state general fund quarterly.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Commerce & Labor):** PRO: The bill is designed so the state general fund would not be impacted. The bill creates a dedicated account for three fee-supported programs. The account would still be subject to legislative appropriation.

**Persons Testifying (Commerce & Labor):** PRO: Tammy Fellin, L&I.