

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2242

As of February 29, 2020

Title: An act relating to travel trailers.

Brief Description: Concerning travel trailers.

Sponsors: Representatives Wylie, Orcutt, Chapman, Bergquist, Dufault, Blake, Shewmake, Gildon and Irwin.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/20, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/24/20.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases, to 46 feet, the maximum length of a travel trailer authorized to be operated on a public highway.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Kim Johnson (786-7472)

Background: No person may operate on the public highways any vehicle with an overall length, with or without load, in excess of 40 feet.

This restriction does not apply to:

- a municipal transit vehicle;
- an auto stage, private carrier bus, school bus, or motor home with an overall length not to exceed 46 feet;
- an articulated auto stage with an overall length not to exceed 61 feet, excluding a back rack up to 4 feet in length; or
- an auto recycling carrier up to 42 feet in length, manufactured prior to 2005.

Summary of Bill: A person may operate a travel trailer having an overall length of up to 46 feet on a public highway.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill will help RV dealers and people who own and operate these trailers. These vehicles are already out safely operating on the road and have been for years. The bill would bring the state into line with the everyday practice of manufacturers, dealers, and consumers.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Sharon Wylie, Prime Sponsor; Grant Nelson, RV Industry Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.