

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5231

FULL VETO

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Separating payment of transportation agency tort liabilities.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Owen and Prince; by request of Department of Transportation).

Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: The liability account was created in 1989 and covers all state agencies, boards and commissions except the University of Washington and the Marine Division of the Department of Transportation. All participating agencies are charged a premium, which is retained in a single account for payment of claims. This results in risk sharing among all the agencies, without respect to historical tort exposure levels between the various departments.

Summary: A new transportation account is created within the tort liability account. The transportation account is comprised only of motor vehicle or transportation fund monies. Any interest earned on the account must remain in the account.

A risk management advisory committee is established to provide guidance in the administration of the transportation account.

Votes on Final Passage:

First Special Session

Senate 45 0

House 90 0