

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5709

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to vehicle registration renewal fees within national recreation areas.

**Brief Description:** Exempting vehicles in inaccessible national recreation areas from license renewal fees.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Swecker, Honeyford, Mulliken, Sheldon and Benton).

#### **Brief History:**

##### **Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 3/30/05, 3/31/05 [DP].

#### **Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Exempting a motor vehicle from annual registration when it is operated within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives Murray, Chair; Wallace, Vice Chair; Woods, Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Buck, Campbell, Curtis, Dickerson, Ericksen, Flannigan, Hankins, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kilmer, Lovick, Morris, Nixon, Rodne, Schindler, Shabro, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Takko, Upthegrove and Wood.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Sells.

**Staff:** Jerry Long (786-7306).

#### **Background:**

Under current law, failure to initially register a vehicle in the state prior to operation on highways of the state is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$330. Failure to renew an expired registration before operating on a highway of the state is a traffic infraction. Exemptions are allowed for: state and publically owned vehicles; vehicles owned by Indian tribes; motorized foot scooters; electric assisted bicycles; farm vehicles if operated within a 15 mile radius of the farm; spray or fertilizer applicator rigs; fork lifts under certain conditions; and certain highway construction equipment.

**Summary of Bill:**

If a motor vehicle is operated solely within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway, it is exempt from the annual registration renewal and associated fees after it has been initially registered.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.