

STREAM LINE TITLE AND REGISTRATION STATUTES

clean-up of the clean-up



Background

- **Legislature directed and funded project to update vehicle license statutes.**
- **Cooperative effort: DOL, Code Reviser, STC, HTC, and identified stakeholders.**

Background

- **Goal: To make statutes more usable.**

Examples:

- Organized related statutes together in subchapters;
 - Used formatting to improve readability
 - All fees in one subchapter
- **Result: SHB 6379 passed in 2010.**
Improvement without change. 300+ pages;

Before 6379: Releasing Interest in a Vehicle

RCW 46.12.101:

(1) If an owner transfers his or her interest in a vehicle, other than by the creation, deletion, or change of a security interest, the owner shall, at the time of the delivery of the vehicle, execute an assignment to the transferee and provide an odometer disclosure statement under RCW 46.12.124 on the certificate of ownership or as the department otherwise prescribes, and cause the certificate and assignment to be transmitted to the transferee.

After 6379 - Releasing Interest in a Vehicle

RCW 46.12.650

1) Releasing interest. An owner releasing interest in a vehicle shall:

(a) Sign the release of interest section provided on the certificate of title or on a release of interest document or form approved by the department;

(b) Give the certificate of title or most recent evidence of ownership to the person gaining the interest in the vehicle;

(c) Give the person gaining interest in the vehicle an odometer disclosure statement if one is required; and

(d) Report the vehicle sold as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

Clean-up of the Clean-up

- **7/1/11 effective date on SB 6379**
- **2010 JTC project to ensure no unintended consequences.**
- **Reviewed by stakeholders. Found some issues corrected in clean-up bill.**

Issues Identified

- Internal Reference Corrections - mostly due to recodification from SB 6379
- Technical “Fix-it” Updates and Corrections - mostly due SB 6379 drafting oversights.
- Edits due to changes made by other 2010 bills:

HB 2617

ESSB 6499

2SHB 2436

SB 6826

SSB 6207

SSB 5902

Substantive Change

- 2008 Legislation (ESB 5179) removed requirement to register snowmobiles in storage. Did not amend requirement that snowmobile be registered prior to sale.
- Arguably required unused snowmobile would have to be registered before sold.
 - Contrary to intent of 2008 Legislation
 - Registration requirements amended to be consistent

Proposed Bill

- **130+ pages**
- **Emergency Clause with 7/1/11 effective date**
amendments take effect at same time as
original bill - Avoids timing issues
- **Final bill available prior to session.**