

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Bonamici, Galizio, Gilliam, Girod, Nelson, Riley, Holvey
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/14, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that owner of a motor vehicle with an event data recorder installed in the vehicle is the owner of the recorder and information contained in the recorder. However, the measure does provide for retrieval and use of recorded data without the consent of the owner under specified circumstances. These circumstances include law enforcement investigations, insurance investigations and instances where health and safety are concerned as long as these are ordered by the court. Does not affect services such as On-star and Lo-jack.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal pre-emption of states in the regulation of disclosure of event data recorders.
- Privacy concerns with surveillance equipment installed on vehicles without the owner's knowledge.
- Affect of HB 2568 on services such as On-star.
- Purpose and uses of an event data recorder.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes section of HB 2568 that require written notice to be given to consumer when an event data recorder is installed in a vehicle a consumer is purchasing.

BACKGROUND: There is no state law relating to event data recorders installed in automobiles. Federal rules will require the disclosure of event data recorders in owner's manuals starting September 1, 2010. This bill specifies that the consumer is the owner of the data in an event data recorder. Event data recorders are a device designed to capture events immediately preceding and during an accident. These devices constantly record and erase data in increments of roughly 20 seconds.