

Testimony on SB 2242

Senator Jordan Kannianen, District 4

Madam Chair Larson and committee members,

This bill seeks to discourage the theft of catalytic converters. The value of the precious metals in these converters makes them a ripe target for theft, with perpetrators sawing them off vehicles in the dark of night or stealing vehicles for the sole purpose of swiping the converter. Various verbal anecdotes have led me to believe that this is a large enough problem to require action.

SB 2242 would establish that an individual cannot sell a catalytic converter to a scrap dealer without either proof of ownership or an affidavit from law enforcement.

I recognize the language in this bill would require a garbage collector to get an affidavit anytime they found one and wanted to sell it for some extra money, for example. If there is a way to avoid this while still accomplishing the purpose of the bill, I'm in favor it. If not, I still think this problem warrants a solution.

Please give SB 2242 a Do Pass recommendation.

Thank you.