

HB 336 – Recovery Operations Amendments - Christofferson



1. Defining "Recovery Operation"

- **The Distinction:** HB 336 establishes a clear definition for "recovery operation" to separate it from standard "towing operations".
- **Scope of Work:** These operations require specialized equipment to stabilize and remove vehicles in complex scenarios, such as:
 - Overturned vehicles.
 - Vehicles in ditches or ravines.
 - Vehicles submerged in water.
 - Hazardous Material Spills.
 - Law Enforcement Initiated Calls.



2. The Financial Reality of Recovery

- **Collection Challenges:** Approximately **30% of recovery bills** must be sent to collections, and of those, **50% result in only partial payments.**
- **Uncompensated Efforts:** While insurance typically covers highway repairs (guardrails, signs) and injuries, recovery companies often exhaust significant resources clearing highways and containing hazardous spills without guaranteed payment.
- **Zero Salvage Value:** Recovered vehicles, trailers, and cargo rarely hold salvage value, and are often abandoned by the owner. Recovery companies frequently incur additional costs to dispose of trash and cargo at landfills.



3. The Solution: HB 336

- **Payment:** This bill ensures that recovery companies are paid for the services they provide to keep our highways clear and open to traffic.



