

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

SB 39-FN, relative to establishing an alternative driver education program.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Suzanne Prentiss for the committee.

This bill establishes an alternative driver education program and authorizes the commissioner of safety to develop and adopt rules for said purpose. The Committee heard testimony that there are wait times for residents in need of drivers education that can be a barrier to getting a drivers license. Although the Department of Motor Vehicles has worked to drop these wait times, more work needs to be done. The Committee wants to further explore with the sponsor and “pilot” type program at this time, rather than open a new state operated program.