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|  | WTSC Bill Tracking |  |  |
| March 26, 2018 |

AV - Autonomous Vehicle; COM – Commissioners; CAP - Com Agency Priority; DSD - Distracted Driving; DRD - Drowsy Driving; DUI – Driving Under the Influence; LS - License Suspension; MC – Motorcycle; NTC - Network Transportation Companies; ND - Novice Driver; OP - Occupant Protection; PB - Pedestrian | Bicycle; SP – Speed; WZ - Work Zone

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| S[HB2970](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2970/2017) | AV | **Autonomous Vehicle Work Group.** The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) must convene a work group to develop policy recommendations to address the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roadways in the state. The work group must include executive branch representatives for Governor’s Office, Insurance Commissioner, WSP, DOT, DOL, and WTSC. Legislative branch representative can include chairs and ranking member of Transportation, State Government, and Technology. WSTC may invite other members. The workgroup will follow developments in autonomous vehicle technology, explore approaches to further public safety and prepare for the emergence and deployment of autonomous vehicle technology, and make recommendations. Sponsor: Hudgins | 2-6 Introduced 2-5 Public Hearing HTC  2-6 Passed HTC  2-14 Passed House 96-2  2-19 Pubic Hearing STC  2-26 Passed STC  2-27 Rules 2nd  3-1 Passed Senate  3-3 Concurred  3-8 Delivered to Gov |
| 2ES[HB1388](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1388/2017) | COM | **Health Care Authority.** Changing the designation of the state behavioral health authority from the department of social and health services to the health care authority and transferring the related powers, functions, and duties to the health care authority and the department of health. Sponsor: Cody | 1-8 Intro. Engrossed 2-7 Passed House 98-0  2-20 Passed SJLTC  2-28 Passed Senate  3-6 Delivered to Gov |

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| S[SB6066](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/SB6066/2017) | DsD | **Tow Truck Driver Cell Phone Exemption.** This bill exempts tow truck drivers from the prohibition for using personal electronic to the extent that person is using the telephone call functionality of a wireless communications device. Amended bill removes the tow truck exemption and requires WTSC to study tow trucks and cell phones. Contains technical correction. Sponsor Liias (Companion to HB 2706) | 1-3 Introduced 1-15 Public Hearing STC Shelly testified opposed  1-23 Passed STC  2-9 Passed Senate 29-18  2-26 Amended Passed HTC  2-17 House Rules 2nd  DEAD |
| [SB5987](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/SB5987/2017) | DUI | ***Blomstrom*, Pretrial Conditions.** Provides legislative authority for judges in municipal, district or superior court to impose conditions for pretrial release for a defendant accused of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony offense. The judge can prohibit the offender from possessing or consuming any intoxicating liquors or drugs and require testing to determine compliance. Adds “necessary to protect the public from harm” to the list of reasons for imposing pretrial release conditions. This bill is a reaction to the State Supreme Court ruling in *Blomstrom v Tripp* where the court determined that a court of limited jurisdiction lacked the authority to impose pretrial conditions for non-felony defendants. Sponsor: Padden (Companion HB 2679) | 1-8 Introduced  1-16 Public Hearing SLJ  1-25 Passed SLJ  2-8 Passed Senate 47-0  2-15 Public Hearing HPS  2-22 Passed HPS  2-28 Passed House 98-0  3-9 Delivered to Gov |

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| 2S[SB6189](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/SB6189/2017) | LS | **DWLS 3rd.** This bill would eliminate failure to respond or appear in connection with a traffic infraction as a reason for suspension of a driver’s license. It would create Driving While License Suspended or Revoked 4 (DWLS4) as a traffic infraction resulting from a suspension of an intermediate driver’s license, out-of-state suspension, or any reason listed in DWLS2 or DWLS3 when the issue is resolved but the driver has not reinstated his or her license. It would elevate DWLS4 to DWLS3 on the fifth violation of DWLS4. It would direct DOL to create a workgroup to develop low-cost, efficient options to administratively lift the driver’s license suspension when the license has been suspended for failure to appear or respond to a moving violation infraction. (Companion 2481 also DEAD)  Sponsor: Fain | 1-10 Introduced  2-1 Passed SLJ  2-21 Passed STC  2-26 Passed SW&M  DEAD |
| [HB2266](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2266/2017) | ND | **Driver Training Education Curriculum.** Defines core curriculum is developed and maintained by DOT and OSPI, is taught in approved driver education courses and contains standards that must be completed to complete courses. Sponsor: Hayes | 1-8 Introduced  1-11 Public Hearing HEC  1-18 Passed HEC  1-31 Passed House 64-30  2-15 Public Hearing SEL  2-19 Passed SEL  2-28 Senate Rules 2nd  DEAD |

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| E[HB1188](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1188/2017) | OP | **Child Passenger Safety.** A child under age 2 must use a rear-facing child restraint system until the child reaches the weight and height limit set by the manufacturer. A child over age 2 may use a rear-facing child restraint system. A child who is not in a rear-facing system, but under the age of 4 must use a forward-facing system with a harness until the child reaches the weight and height limit set by the manufacturer. A child over the age of 4 may use a forward-facing system with a harness. A child ten years of age or under four feet nine inches tall must be properly secured in a child booster seat until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child booster seat as set by the manufacturer. Current law requires children under age eight to be restrained in an approved child restraint system and children over age eight and over four feet nine inches tall to be restrained in the seat belt system or a child restraint system. The bill requires WTSC to produce and distribute informational and educational materials that explain the proper use of child restraint systems. The new legislation is in line with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatricians. Sponsor: Bergquist | 1-8 Introduced  1-17 Passed HTC  1-31 Passed House 64-30  2-2 Public Hearing STC  Shelly Testified  2-26 Ex Session STC at 1:30  2-26 Passed STC  2-16 Rules 2nd  DEAD |
| [HB2900](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2900/2017) | Ped|Bike | **Vulnerable Roadway Users.** This bill would assess additional fines on person who commit a traffic infraction against a vulnerable roadway user. The additional fine of $48 per infraction would be deposited into the newly created vulnerable roadway user education account. The amount collected could be $143,000 to $358,000. Funds in this account may only be used by WTSC to (1) Support programs dedicated to increasing awareness by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges of opportunities for the enforcement of traffic offenses committed against vulnerable roadway users; and (2) With any remaining funds, support programs dedicated to increasing awareness by the driving public on this topic. Sponsor: Kilduff | 1-22 Introduced  1-29 Public Hearing HTC  Shelly signed in “available for questions”  2-6 Passed HTC  2-19 House Rules 2nd  DEAD |

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| Bill # | Topic | Summary | Status |
| [HB2087](https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2087/2017) | WZ | **Work Zones.** Expands the current emergency zone rules of the road and associated offenses related to the use of lanes, speed restrictions, and reckless endangerment to include work zones. Describes work zones as adjacent lanes 200 feet before and after stationary or slow-moving highway construction vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles, solid waste vehicles, or utility service vehicles that display specified flashing lights. Provides clarification that the restriction that a driver must yield the right-of-way to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian engaged in work in a designated construction or maintenance area, or near an authorized construction or maintenance vehicle with the specified flashing lights, includes a requirement that a driver yield the right-of-way to highway construction workers, highway maintenance workers, and flaggers. Sponsor: Stambaugh (Companion 5841) | 1-8 Introduced  1-9 Rules 2nd   * 1. Passed House   2-26 Public Hearing STC  2-27 Passed STC  3-1 Passed Senate  Governor Signed  Effective 6/7/2018  Chapter 18, 2018 Laws |