

6293-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Roach, T. Sheldon, Rossi, McDonald and Oke)

Brief Title: Establishing penalties for drunk driving.

SB 6293-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises RCW 46.61.5055 relating to the punishments for drunk driving.

Establishes provisions for electronic home monitoring.

Requires the offender to pay the costs for electronic home monitoring.

Provides that: (1) A defendant who is arrested for an offense involving driving while under the influence as defined in RCW 46.61.502, driving under age twenty-one after consuming alcohol as defined in RCW 46.61.503, or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence as defined in RCW 46.61.504, shall be required to appear in person before a magistrate within one judicial day after the arrest if the defendant is served with a citation or complaint at the time of the arrest.

(2) A defendant who is charged by citation, complaint, or information with an offense involving driving while under the influence as defined in RCW 46.61.502, driving under age twenty-one after consuming alcohol as defined in RCW 46.61.503, or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence as defined in RCW 46.61.504, and who is not arrested, shall appear in court for arraignment in person as soon as practicable, but in no event later than fourteen days after the next day on which court is in session following the issuance of the citation or the filing of the complaint or information.

(3) At the time of an appearance required by this section, the court shall determine the necessity of imposing conditions of pretrial release according to the procedures established by court rule for a preliminary appearance or an arraignment.

(4) Appearances required by this section are mandatory and may not be waived.

Takes effect January 1, 1999.