

6630-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Oke, Gardner, Horn, Goings, Heavey, Morton, Costa and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Funding traffic safety improvements.

SB 6630-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the traffic safety improvement account in the state treasury. The purpose of this account is to improve traffic safety by funding programs through the Washington traffic safety commission, particularly those directed by chapter 43.59 RCW. The school zone safety account, the bicycle and pedestrian safety account, and the impaired driving safety account are abolished as separate accounts and are merged into the traffic safety improvement account.

Provides that, in addition to any other penalties imposed under RCW 46.63.110, a person found to have committed a traffic infraction other than of RCW 46.61.440 or 46.61.527 will be assessed an additional penalty of ten dollars. The court may not reduce, waive, or suspend the additional penalty unless the court finds the offender to be indigent. Revenue from the additional penalty must be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the traffic safety improvement account under this act.

Provides that, in addition to any other penalties imposed for conviction of a violation of title 46 RCW that is a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony, the court must impose an additional penalty of fifty dollars. The court may not reduce, waive, or suspend the additional penalty under any circumstances. Revenue from the additional penalty must be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the traffic safety improvement account.

Repeals RCW 46.68.260.