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HOUSE BILL 1334

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By Representatives Miloscia, Wood, Lantz, Keiser and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to using a personal wireless phone while driving;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; prescribing penalties; and  
3 providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) Any person who is found to be the proximate cause of injury or  
8 damage to another while simultaneously operating a moving vehicle and  
9 using a personal wireless service as defined in RCW 80.36.375 may be  
10 subject to a fee of thirty-five dollars per infraction. However, this  
11 section does not apply if:

12            (a) The personal wireless service was used for making an emergency  
13 call; or

14            (b) The personal wireless service was being operated in hands-free  
15 mode.

16            (2) For the purposes of this section, "hands-free mode" means the  
17 use of a wireless phone with a speaker phone, headset, or earpiece.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   Section 1 of this act takes effect January  
2   1, 2002.

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