

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 1246

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring vehicle sound system components to be securely attached.

Sponsors: By Representatives Dunshee, Pearson, Lovick, Kristiansen, Morrell, P. Sullivan, Murray, Wallace, Chase and Ormsby.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

It is increasingly popular for motor vehicle owners to install stereo speakers in the back seat of a car or in the bed of a passenger truck. Certain stereo speakers are manufactured only for residential use, rather than automotive use. These speakers, as well as unsecured automotive speakers, can become projectiles in the event of a vehicle collision.

There are no state laws or rules specifically prohibiting or restricting the placement of sound system components (such as stereo speakers) on or within a vehicle.

Summary:

Vehicle sound system components are required to be securely attached to the vehicle so that they cannot become dislodged or loose during operation of the vehicle. Failure to do so is a traffic infraction.

Law enforcement officers may issue tickets for this infraction only as a secondary violation.

The Traffic Safety Commission must, within its existing budget, create an education campaign regarding properly securing vehicle sound system components.

This act will be known as the Courtney Amisson Act.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	82	16
Senate	30	18

Effective: July 24, 2005