

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1058

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 20, 2019

**Title:** An act relating to establishing permissible methods of parking a motorcycle.

**Brief Description:** Establishing permissible methods of parking a motorcycle.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Irwin, Blake, Van Werven, Bergquist, Walsh, MacEwen, Shea, Jinkins, Wylie, Goodman and Barkis.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/01/19, 94-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/20/19, 3/20/19 [DP].

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a motorcycle to park at an angle on any highway so long as it does not extend into the roadway.
- Allows more than one motorcycle to be parked per parking space so long as the motorcycles do not exceed the boundaries of the parking space.
- Provides local jurisdictions the authority to prohibit angled parking of motorcycles if the jurisdiction passes an ordinance and posts visible signage in the area where the prohibition applies.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Das, Fortunato, Lovelett, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Randall, Takko, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Kim Johnson (786-7472)

**Background:** Generally, vehicles on a two-way roadway must be parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to, and within 12 inches of, the right-hand curb or right-hand shoulder of the road. Vehicles on a one-way roadway, unless provided otherwise by a local ordinance, must

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be parked parallel to, and within 12 inches of, either the right hand or left hand curb or shoulder of the road.

Local governments may allow angle parking on any roadway, however if the roadway is a federal-aid or state highway, the secretary of transportation must have determined that the roadway is wide enough to permit angle parking without interfering with free movement of traffic.

**Summary of Bill:** When parking is allowed, motorcycles may park parallel or at an angle to the curb or edge of a highway with at least one wheel or fender within 12 inches of the curb or shoulder nearest to which the motorcycle is parked.

A local jurisdiction may prohibit the angled stopping or parking of motorcycles on a one-way or two-way highway if the local jurisdiction passes an ordinance to that effect, so long as the local jurisdiction posts visible signage at any location to which the prohibition applies.

More than one motorcycle may occupy a parking space, provided that the motorcycles in the parking space remain within the boundaries of that parking space. If proof of payment is required to be displayed by a vehicle at a location, all motorcycles within a space must display proof of payment. However, parking spaces that are metered by each parking space may not require multiple payments for use of the same space by motorcycles during the same time period of use.

The requirement that the secretary of transportation first make a determination that a state highway or federal aid highway is wide enough to allow for free movement of traffic before motorcycles can park angled on the edge of such a highway is removed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill simply puts into law how people were taught how to park their motorcycle.

This parking bill has no down side. Even today, we parked four bikes to a space leaving three additional spaces open for others. We compromised and the bill allows local control. We support this and want to see this pass. It has passed out of both bodies many times. This is how we were taught to park. We have been getting tickets and it does not make sense.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Morgan Irwin, Prime Sponsor; Louise Bentley, ABATE; Alan Alder, Traffic Safety Commission.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.