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- On page 1, line 10, after "infraction." insert "A person does not send, read or write a text message when he or she reads, selects or enters a phone number or name in a wireless communications device for the purpose of making a phone call."
- 5 On page 1, after line 21, insert the following:
 - "(3) Enforcement of this section by law enforcement officers may be accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of this title or an equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.
- 10 (4) Infractions under this act shall not become part of the 11 driver's record under RCW 46.52.101 and 46.52.120. Additionally, a 12 finding that a person has committed a traffic infraction under this 13 section shall not be made available to insurance companies or 14 employers."
- Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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 $\underline{\textbf{EFFECT:}}$ Clarifies that dialing a phone is not included within the definition of text messaging, adds that an infraction is a secondary offense, and specifies that an infraction under this section does not become part of a driver's record.