

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2572

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 28, 1992

Brief Description: Updating the Model Traffic Ordinance.

SPONSORS: Representatives R. Fisher and Betrozoff

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Nelson, Vice Chairman; von Reichbauer, Vice Chairman; Conner, Erwin, W. Hansen, Madsen, McMullen, Oke, Skratek, Snyder, and Vognild.

Staff: Mary McLaughlin (786-7309)

Hearing Dates: February 27, 1992; February 28, 1992

BACKGROUND:

The Model Traffic Ordinance (MTO) is a listing of state traffic and motor vehicle laws that a city, town or county may adopt, by reference, to serve as its local traffic ordinance. The MTO may be adopted in whole or in part, and a local government may exclude any sections it does not wish to include in its local laws. The model is updated each year to incorporate recently enacted statutes.

SUMMARY:

Recent legislative enactments added to the model: (1) school buses must be equipped with a crossing arm mounted to the bus effective September 1, 1992; (2) initial tow movements are exempt from the state's highway weight limitation requirements; (3) it is a traffic infraction for anyone to knowingly direct the loading of a vehicle in excess of the weight limitations for highway usage; and (4) refusal of a person to submit to an alcohol blood or breath test is admissible evidence at a subsequent criminal trial.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Incorporation of recent legislative enactments into the model allows local jurisdictions to adopt these new traffic laws by reference.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Jim Justin, Association of Washington Cities (pro)