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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Holmquist, Carrell and O'Brien)

Brief Description: Providing uniformity for admissibility of alcohol tests.

HB 3055-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that previous attempts to curtail the incidence of driving while intoxicated have been inadequate.

Finds that property loss, injury, and death caused by drinking drivers continue at unacceptable levels. This act is intended to convey the seriousness with which the legislature views this problem. To that end the legislature seeks to ensure swift and certain consequences for those who drink and drive.

Declares that, to accomplish this goal, the legislature adopts standards governing the admissibility of tests of a person's blood or breath. These standards will provide a degree of uniformity that is currently lacking, and will reduce the delays caused by challenges to various breath test instrument components and maintenance procedures. Such challenges, while allowed, will no longer go to admissibility of test results. Instead, such challenges are to be considered by the finder of fact in deciding what weight to place upon an admitted blood or breath test result.