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Sponsor(s): Senators Winsley, Haugen, Hale, Oke and McCaslin

Brief Description: Regulating automated traffic safety cameras.

SB 5369 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares that the use of automated traffic safety cameras is subject to the following regulations: (1) The appropriate local legislative authority must first enact an ordinance allowing for their use to detect one or more of the following: Speeding, stoplight, or railroad crossing violations.

(2) Automated traffic safety cameras may take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate only and only while an infraction is occurring.

(3) The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall plainly mark the locations where an automated traffic safety camera is used by placing signs on street locations that clearly indicate to a driver that he or she is entering a zone where traffic laws are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera.

(4) A notice of an infraction must be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle within fourteen days of the infraction occurring.

(5) A person receiving an automated traffic infraction notice based on evidence detected by an automated traffic safety camera may respond to the notice by mail.

Requests the Washington state supreme court to amend the Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction to conform to this act.

Asks the court to create an automated traffic infraction notice that is consistent with this act.