

5812-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen, Swecker, Finkbeiner  
and Shin)

Brief Description: Facilitating free flow of traffic.

**SB 5812-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, notwithstanding the posted speed limit, it is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic. For the purposes of this provision, a vehicle is impeding traffic when behind it are two or more vehicles formed in a line. This provision does not authorize a person to exceed the posted speed limit by more than is necessary to safely pass another vehicle and then move to the right when possible.

Provides that persons driving on a highway having only one lane of traffic in each direction may exceed the speed limit only when in compliance with RCW 46.61.425(1) and RCW 46.61.120. Persons driving on a multilane highway may exceed the speed limit only when passing vehicles in the left lane and in compliance with this act.

Declares that a person driving a motor vehicle in the left lane of a multilane roadway in compliance with RCW 46.61.100(4) is not committing a traffic infraction.