

**SB 5615 - DIGEST**

Recognizes that chemical dependency is a public safety problem in Washington state and that chemical dependency-related motor vehicle incidents have a significant bearing on overall law enforcement and court caseloads.

Recognizes the growing costs associated with chemical dependency treatment and chemical dependency-related motor vehicle prevention, education, and advocacy programs established by local governments and by community-based organizations.

Declares an intent to establish a penalty that will hold convicted motor vehicle offenders accountable, and to offset the costs of chemical dependency treatment and chemical dependency-related motor vehicle prevention, education, and advocacy programs.