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By Senators Wilson, Hobbs, Pedersen, Wellman, Palumbo, Darneille, and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing youth courts to have jurisdiction  
2 over transit infractions; and amending RCW 3.72.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.72.010 and 2005 c 73 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A court created under chapter 3.30, 3.46, 3.50, or 35.20 RCW  
7 may create a youth court. The youth court shall have jurisdiction  
8 over traffic and transit infractions alleged to have been committed  
9 by juveniles age sixteen or seventeen. The court may refer a juvenile  
10 to the youth court upon request of any party or upon its own motion.  
11 However, a juvenile shall not be required under this section to have  
12 his or her traffic or transit infraction referred to or disposed of  
13 by a youth court.

14 (2) To be referred to a youth court pursuant to this chapter, a  
15 juvenile:

16 (a) May not have had a prior traffic or transit infraction  
17 referred to a youth court;

18 (b) May not be under the jurisdiction of any court for a  
19 violation of any provision of Title 46 RCW;

20 (c) May not have any convictions for a violation of any provision  
21 of Title 46 RCW; and

1 (d) Must acknowledge that there is a high likelihood that he or  
2 she would be found to have committed the traffic or transit  
3 infraction.

4 (3)(a) Nothing in this chapter shall interfere with the ability  
5 of juvenile courts to refer matters to youth courts that have been  
6 established to provide a diversion for matters involving juvenile  
7 offenders who are eligible for diversion pursuant to RCW 13.40.070  
8 (6) and (~~(7)~~) (8) and who agree, along with a parent, guardian, or  
9 legal custodian, to comply with the provisions of RCW 13.40.600.

10 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall interfere with the ability of  
11 student courts to work with students who violate school rules and  
12 policies pursuant to RCW 28A.300.420.

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