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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 2862

**Brief Description:** Modifying the meaning of motorcycle to include other steering mechanisms.

**Sponsors:** Representative Orcutt.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies the definition of a motorcycle that has enclosed seating and safety belts, to allow steering with a handlebar.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/6/20

**Staff:** Beth Redfield (786-7140).

**Background:**

The definition of motorcycle includes two variations, both of which may not have more than three wheels. The first and original definition is that the driver rides on a seat or saddle and the vehicle is steered with a handlebar. A second definition, added in 2009, is that the driver rides on a seat in a partially or completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with safety belts, and is steered with a steering wheel.

Meeting the definition of motorcycle confers certain privileges relating to high-occupancy vehicle access, exemption from high occupancy toll lane tolls, and for motorcycles with seatbelts and enclosed seating areas, an exemption from the requirement for a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license.

**Summary of Bill:**

The second definition of a motorcycle in which the rider is seated in a partially or completely enclosed seating area, uses a seatbelt, and steers with a steering wheel is modified to also allow steering with a handlebar.

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Corresponding definitions of motorcycle are also updated in several other laws: seat belt requirements, helmet requirements, and detection of motorcycles at intersections.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 2, 2020.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.