

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6045

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning vulnerable users of a public way.

**Sponsors:** Senators Takko, Kuderer, Pedersen, Randall and Rolfes.

**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** A "vulnerable roadway user" is defined as a pedestrian; a person riding an animal; or a person operating any of the following on a public way:

- a farm tractor or implement of husbandry, without an enclosed shell;
- a bicycle;
- an electric-assisted bicycle;
- an electric personal assistive mobility device;
- a moped;
- a motor-driven cycle;
- a motorized foot scooter; or
- a motorcycle.

Vulnerable Roadway User Traffic Offense. A person commits negligent driving in the second degree with a vulnerable user victim if, under circumstances not constituting negligent driving in the first degree, the person operates a vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and the person proximately causes the death, great bodily harm, or substantial bodily harm of a vulnerable roadway user.

**Summary:** The definition of a vulnerable roadway user is expanded to also include a person who is riding:

- a farm tractor or implement of husbandry, without an enclosed shell;
- a bicycle;
- an electric-assisted bicycle;
- an electric personal assistive mobility device;
- a moped;
- a motor-driven cycle;
- a motorized foot scooter; or
- a motorcycle.

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**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 45 0

House 97 0

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