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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the limited use of automated  
2 traffic safety cameras for speed violations outside of school speed  
3 zones; amending RCW 46.63.170 and 46.63.170; providing an effective  
4 date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.63.170 and 2020 c 224 s 1 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The use of automated traffic safety cameras for issuance of  
9 notices of infraction is subject to the following requirements:

10 (a) Except for proposed locations used solely for the pilot  
11 program purposes permitted under subsection (6) of this section, the  
12 appropriate local legislative authority must prepare an analysis of  
13 the locations within the jurisdiction where automated traffic safety  
14 cameras are proposed to be located: (i) Before enacting an ordinance  
15 allowing for the initial use of automated traffic safety cameras; and  
16 (ii) before adding additional cameras or relocating any existing  
17 camera to a new location within the jurisdiction. Automated traffic  
18 safety cameras may be used to detect one or more of the following:  
19 Stoplight, railroad crossing, or school speed zone violations; speed  
20 violations subject to (c) or (d) of this subsection; or violations  
21 included in subsection (6) of this section for the duration of the

1 pilot program authorized under subsection (6) of this section. At a  
2 minimum, the local ordinance must contain the restrictions described  
3 in this section and provisions for public notice and signage. Cities  
4 and counties using automated traffic safety cameras before July 24,  
5 2005, are subject to the restrictions described in this section, but  
6 are not required to enact an authorizing ordinance. Beginning one  
7 year after June 7, 2012, cities and counties using automated traffic  
8 safety cameras must post an annual report of the number of traffic  
9 accidents that occurred at each location where an automated traffic  
10 safety camera is located as well as the number of notices of  
11 infraction issued for each camera and any other relevant information  
12 about the automated traffic safety cameras that the city or county  
13 deems appropriate on the city's or county's website.

14 (b) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this subsection and  
15 subsection (6) of this section, use of automated traffic safety  
16 cameras is restricted to the following locations only: (i)  
17 Intersections of two or more arterials with traffic control signals  
18 that have yellow change interval durations in accordance with RCW  
19 47.36.022, which interval durations may not be reduced after  
20 placement of the camera; (ii) railroad crossings; and (iii) school  
21 speed zones.

22 (c) Any city west of the Cascade mountains with a population of  
23 more than (~~one hundred ninety-five thousand~~) 195,000 located in a  
24 county with a population of fewer than (~~one million five hundred~~  
25 ~~thousand~~) 1,500,000 may operate an automated traffic safety camera  
26 to detect speed violations subject to the following limitations:

27 (i) A city may only operate one such automated traffic safety  
28 camera within its respective jurisdiction; and

29 (ii) The use and location of the automated traffic safety camera  
30 must have first been authorized by the Washington state legislature  
31 as a pilot project for at least one full year.

32 (d) (i) Cities may operate at least one automated traffic safety  
33 camera under this subsection to detect speed violations, subject to  
34 the requirements of (d) (ii) of this subsection. Cities may operate  
35 one additional automated traffic safety camera to detect speed  
36 violations for every 10,000 residents included in the city's  
37 population. Cameras must be placed in locations that comply with one  
38 of the following:

39 (A) The location has been identified as a priority location in a  
40 local road safety plan that a city has submitted to the Washington

1 state department of transportation and where other speed reduction  
2 measures are not feasible or have not been sufficiently effective at  
3 reducing travel speed;

4 (B) The location has a significantly higher rate of collisions  
5 than the city average in a period of at least three years prior to  
6 installation and other speed reduction measures are not feasible or  
7 have not been sufficiently effective at reducing travel speed;

8 (C) The location is in an area within the city limits designated  
9 by local ordinance as a zone subject to specified restrictions and  
10 penalties on racing and race attendance; or

11 (D) The location is within 300 feet of the border of a park or  
12 community center property.

13 (ii) (A) A city locating an automated traffic safety camera under  
14 this subsection (1) (d) must complete an equity analysis that  
15 evaluates livability, accessibility, economics, education, and  
16 environmental health, and shall consider the outcome of that analysis  
17 when identifying where to locate an automated traffic safety camera.

18 (B) Automated traffic safety cameras must be placed in a manner  
19 that limits drivers from diverting to alternative roads to avoid an  
20 automated traffic safety camera.

21 (e) Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of  
22 the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is  
23 occurring. The picture must not reveal the face of the driver or of  
24 passengers in the vehicle. The primary purpose of camera placement is  
25 to take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate when an  
26 infraction is occurring. Cities and counties shall consider  
27 installing cameras in a manner that minimizes the impact of camera  
28 flash on drivers.

29 ~~((e))~~ (f) A notice of infraction must be mailed to the  
30 registered owner of the vehicle within ~~((fourteen))~~ 14 days of the  
31 violation, or to the renter of a vehicle within ~~((fourteen))~~ 14 days  
32 of establishing the renter's name and address under subsection (3) (a)  
33 of this section. The law enforcement officer issuing the notice of  
34 infraction shall include with it a certificate or facsimile thereof,  
35 based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, or electronic  
36 images produced by an automated traffic safety camera, stating the  
37 facts supporting the notice of infraction. This certificate or  
38 facsimile is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in it and is  
39 admissible in a proceeding charging a violation under this chapter.  
40 The photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images evidencing

1 the violation must be available for inspection and admission into  
2 evidence in a proceeding to adjudicate the liability for the  
3 infraction. A person receiving a notice of infraction based on  
4 evidence detected by an automated traffic safety camera may respond  
5 to the notice by mail.

6 ~~((f))~~ (g) The registered owner of a vehicle is responsible for  
7 an infraction under RCW 46.63.030(1)(d) unless the registered owner  
8 overcomes the presumption in RCW 46.63.075, or, in the case of a  
9 rental car business, satisfies the conditions under subsection (3) of  
10 this section. If appropriate under the circumstances, a renter  
11 identified under subsection (3)(a) of this section is responsible for  
12 an infraction.

13 ~~((g))~~ (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all  
14 photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images, or any other  
15 personally identifying data prepared under this section are for the  
16 exclusive use of law enforcement in the discharge of duties under  
17 this section and are not open to the public and may not be used in a  
18 court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or  
19 proceeding relates to a violation under this section. No photograph,  
20 microphotograph, or electronic image, or any other personally  
21 identifying data may be used for any purpose other than enforcement  
22 of violations under this section nor retained longer than necessary  
23 to enforce this section.

24 ~~((h))~~ (i) All locations where an automated traffic safety  
25 camera is used must be clearly marked at least ~~((thirty))~~ 30 days  
26 prior to activation of the camera by placing signs in locations that  
27 clearly indicate to a driver that he or she is entering a zone where  
28 traffic laws are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera.  
29 Signs placed in automated traffic safety camera locations after June  
30 7, 2012, must follow the specifications and guidelines under the  
31 manual of uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways as  
32 adopted by the department of transportation under chapter 47.36 RCW.

33 ~~((i))~~ (j) If a county or city has established an authorized  
34 automated traffic safety camera program under this section, the  
35 compensation paid to the manufacturer or vendor of the equipment used  
36 must be based only upon the value of the equipment and services  
37 provided or rendered in support of the system, and may not be based  
38 upon a portion of the fine or civil penalty imposed or the revenue  
39 generated by the equipment.

1       (k) If a city is operating an automated traffic safety camera to  
2 detect speed violations under (c) or (d) of this subsection, the city  
3 shall remit monthly to the state 50 percent of the noninterest money  
4 received for infractions issued by those cameras excess of the cost  
5 to administer, install, operate, and maintain the automated traffic  
6 safety cameras, including the cost of processing infractions. Money  
7 remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer shall be  
8 deposited in the Cooper Jones active transportation safety account  
9 created in RCW 46.68.480. The remaining 50 percent retained by the  
10 city must be used only for improvements to transportation that  
11 support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities.

12       (2) Infractions detected through the use of automated traffic  
13 safety cameras are not part of the registered owner's driving record  
14 under RCW 46.52.101 and 46.52.120. Additionally, infractions  
15 generated by the use of automated traffic safety cameras under this  
16 section shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions,  
17 including for the purposes of RCW 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 46.16A.120,  
18 and 46.20.270(2). Except as provided otherwise in subsection (6) of  
19 this section, the amount of the fine issued for an infraction  
20 generated through the use of an automated traffic safety camera shall  
21 not exceed the amount of a fine issued for other parking infractions  
22 within the jurisdiction. However, the amount of the fine issued for a  
23 traffic control signal violation detected through the use of an  
24 automated traffic safety camera shall not exceed the monetary penalty  
25 for a violation of RCW 46.61.050 as provided under RCW 46.63.110,  
26 including all applicable statutory assessments.

27       (3) If the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car  
28 business, the law enforcement agency shall, before a notice of  
29 infraction being issued under this section, provide a written notice  
30 to the rental car business that a notice of infraction may be issued  
31 to the rental car business if the rental car business does not,  
32 within (~~eighteen~~) 18 days of receiving the written notice, provide  
33 to the issuing agency by return mail:

34       (a) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing  
35 address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the  
36 infraction occurred; or

37       (b) A statement under oath that the business is unable to  
38 determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the  
39 infraction occurred because the vehicle was stolen at the time of the  
40 infraction. A statement provided under this subsection must be

1 accompanied by a copy of a filed police report regarding the vehicle  
2 theft; or

3 (c) In lieu of identifying the vehicle operator, the rental car  
4 business may pay the applicable penalty.

5 Timely mailing of this statement to the issuing law enforcement  
6 agency relieves a rental car business of any liability under this  
7 chapter for the notice of infraction.

8 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer  
9 from issuing a notice of traffic infraction to a person in control of  
10 a vehicle at the time a violation occurs under RCW 46.63.030(1) (a),  
11 (b), or (c).

12 (5)(a) For the purposes of this section, "automated traffic  
13 safety camera" means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to  
14 work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, a  
15 railroad grade crossing control system, or a speed measuring device,  
16 and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more  
17 sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the  
18 rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when  
19 facing a steady red traffic control signal or an activated railroad  
20 grade crossing control signal, or exceeds a speed limit as detected  
21 by a speed measuring device.

22 (b) For the purposes of the pilot program authorized under  
23 subsection (6) of this section, "automated traffic safety camera"  
24 also includes a device used to detect stopping at intersection or  
25 crosswalk violations; stopping when traffic obstructed violations;  
26 public transportation only lane violations; and stopping or traveling  
27 in restricted lane violations. The device, including all technology  
28 defined under "automated traffic safety camera," must not reveal the  
29 face of the driver or the passengers in vehicles, and must not use  
30 any facial recognition technology in real time or after capturing any  
31 information. If the face of any individual in a crosswalk or  
32 otherwise within the frame is incidentally captured, it may not be  
33 made available to the public nor used for any purpose including, but  
34 not limited to, any law enforcement action, except in a pending  
35 action or proceeding related to a violation under this section.

36 (6)(a)(i) A city with a population greater than (~~five hundred~~  
37 ~~thousand~~) 500,000 may adopt an ordinance creating a pilot program  
38 authorizing automated traffic safety cameras to be used to detect one  
39 or more of the following violations: Stopping when traffic obstructed  
40 violations; stopping at intersection or crosswalk violations; public

1 transportation only lane violations; and stopping or traveling in  
2 restricted lane violations. Under the pilot program, stopping at  
3 intersection or crosswalk violations may only be enforced at the  
4 (~~twenty~~) 20 intersections where the city would most like to address  
5 safety concerns related to stopping at intersection or crosswalk  
6 violations. At a minimum, the local ordinance must contain the  
7 restrictions described in this section and provisions for public  
8 notice and signage.

9 (ii) Except where specifically exempted, all of the rules and  
10 restrictions applicable to the use of automated traffic safety  
11 cameras in this section apply to the use of automated traffic safety  
12 cameras in the pilot program established in this subsection (6).

13 (iii) As used in this subsection (6), "public transportation  
14 vehicle" means any motor vehicle, streetcar, train, trolley vehicle,  
15 ferry boat, or any other device, vessel, or vehicle that is owned or  
16 operated by a transit authority or an entity providing service on  
17 behalf of a transit authority that is used for the purpose of  
18 carrying passengers and that operates on established routes. "Transit  
19 authority" has the meaning provided in RCW 9.91.025.

20 (b) Use of automated traffic safety cameras as authorized in this  
21 subsection (6) is restricted to the following locations only:  
22 Locations authorized in subsection (1)(b) of this section; and  
23 midblock on arterials. Additionally, the use of automated traffic  
24 safety cameras as authorized in this subsection (6) is further  
25 limited to the following:

26 (i) The portion of state and local roadways in downtown areas of  
27 the city used for office and commercial activities, as well as retail  
28 shopping and support services, and that may include mixed residential  
29 uses;

30 (ii) The portion of state and local roadways in areas in the city  
31 within one-half mile north of the boundary of the area described in  
32 (b)(i) of this subsection;

33 (iii) Portions of roadway systems in the city that travel into  
34 and out of (b)(ii) of this subsection that are designated by the  
35 Washington state department of transportation as noninterstate  
36 freeways for up to four miles; and

37 (iv) Portions of roadway systems in the city connected to the  
38 portions of the noninterstate freeways identified in (b)(iii) of this  
39 subsection that are designated by the Washington state department of

1 transportation as arterial roadways for up to one mile from the  
2 intersection of the arterial roadway and the noninterstate freeway.

3 (c) However, automated traffic safety cameras may not be used on  
4 an on-ramp to an interstate.

5 (d) From June 11, 2020, through December 31, 2020, a warning  
6 notice with no penalty must be issued to the registered owner of the  
7 vehicle for a violation generated through the use of an automated  
8 traffic safety camera authorized in this subsection (6). Beginning  
9 January 1, 2021, a notice of infraction must be issued, in a manner  
10 consistent with subsections (1) ~~((+e))~~ (f) and (3) of this section,  
11 for a violation generated through the use of an automated traffic  
12 safety camera authorized in this subsection (6). However, the penalty  
13 for the violation may not exceed ~~((seventy-five dollars))~~ \$75.

14 (e) For infractions issued as authorized in this subsection (6),  
15 a city with a pilot program shall remit monthly to the state  
16 ~~((fifty))~~ 50 percent of the noninterest money received under this  
17 subsection (6) in excess of the cost to install, operate, and  
18 maintain the automated traffic safety cameras for use in the pilot  
19 program. Money remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer  
20 shall be deposited in the Cooper Jones active transportation safety  
21 account created in RCW 46.68.480. The remaining ~~((fifty))~~ 50 percent  
22 retained by the city must be used only for improvements to  
23 transportation that support equitable access and mobility for persons  
24 with disabilities.

25 (f) A transit authority may not take disciplinary action,  
26 regarding a warning or infraction issued pursuant to this subsection  
27 (6), against an employee who was operating a public transportation  
28 vehicle at the time the violation that was the basis of the warning  
29 or infraction was detected.

30 (g) A city that implements a pilot program under this subsection  
31 (6) must provide a preliminary report to the transportation  
32 committees of the legislature by June 30, 2022, and a final report by  
33 January 1, 2023, on the pilot program that includes the locations  
34 chosen for the automated traffic safety cameras used in the pilot  
35 program, the number of warnings and traffic infractions issued under  
36 the pilot program, the number of traffic infractions issued with  
37 respect to vehicles registered outside of the county in which the  
38 city is located, the infrastructure improvements made using the  
39 penalty moneys as required under (e) of this subsection, an equity  
40 analysis that includes any disproportionate impacts, safety, and on-

1 time performance statistics related to the impact on driver behavior  
2 of the use of automated traffic safety cameras in the pilot program,  
3 and any recommendations on the use of automated traffic safety  
4 cameras to enforce the violations that these cameras were authorized  
5 to detect under the pilot program.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.63.170 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 406 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The use of automated traffic safety cameras for issuance of  
9 notices of infraction is subject to the following requirements:

10 (a) The appropriate local legislative authority must prepare an  
11 analysis of the locations within the jurisdiction where automated  
12 traffic safety cameras are proposed to be located: (i) Before  
13 enacting an ordinance allowing for the initial use of automated  
14 traffic safety cameras; and (ii) before adding additional cameras or  
15 relocating any existing camera to a new location within the  
16 jurisdiction. Automated traffic safety cameras may be used to detect  
17 one or more of the following: Stoplight, railroad crossing, or school  
18 speed zone violations; or speed violations subject to (c) or (d) of  
19 this subsection. At a minimum, the local ordinance must contain the  
20 restrictions described in this section and provisions for public  
21 notice and signage. Cities and counties using automated traffic  
22 safety cameras before July 24, 2005, are subject to the restrictions  
23 described in this section, but are not required to enact an  
24 authorizing ordinance. Beginning one year after June 7, 2012, cities  
25 and counties using automated traffic safety cameras must post an  
26 annual report of the number of traffic accidents that occurred at  
27 each location where an automated traffic safety camera is located as  
28 well as the number of notices of infraction issued for each camera  
29 and any other relevant information about the automated traffic safety  
30 cameras that the city or county deems appropriate on the city's or  
31 county's website.

32 (b) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this subsection, use of  
33 automated traffic safety cameras is restricted to the following  
34 locations only: (i) Intersections of two arterials with traffic  
35 control signals that have yellow change interval durations in  
36 accordance with RCW 47.36.022, which interval durations may not be  
37 reduced after placement of the camera; (ii) railroad crossings; and  
38 (iii) school speed zones.

1 (c) Any city west of the Cascade mountains with a population of  
2 more than (~~one hundred ninety-five thousand~~) 195,000 located in a  
3 county with a population of fewer than (~~one million five hundred~~  
4 ~~thousand~~) 1,500,000 may operate an automated traffic safety camera  
5 to detect speed violations subject to the following limitations:

6 (i) A city may only operate one such automated traffic safety  
7 camera within its respective jurisdiction; and

8 (ii) The use and location of the automated traffic safety camera  
9 must have first been authorized by the Washington state legislature  
10 as a pilot project for at least one full year.

11 (d) (i) Cities may operate at least one automated traffic safety  
12 camera under this subsection to detect speed violations, subject to  
13 the requirements of (d) (ii) of this subsection. Cities may operate  
14 one additional automated traffic safety camera to detect speed  
15 violations for every 10,000 residents included in the city's  
16 population. Cameras must be placed in locations that comply with one  
17 of the following:

18 (A) The location has been identified as a priority location in a  
19 local road safety plan that a city has submitted to the Washington  
20 state department of transportation and where other speed reduction  
21 measures are not feasible or have not been sufficiently effective at  
22 reducing travel speed;

23 (B) The location has a significantly higher rate of collisions  
24 than the city average in a period of at least three years prior to  
25 installation and other speed reduction measures are not feasible or  
26 have not been sufficiently effective at reducing travel speed;

27 (C) The location is in an area within the city limits designated  
28 by local ordinance as a zone subject to specified restrictions and  
29 penalties on racing and race attendance; or

30 (D) The location is within 300 feet of the border of a park or  
31 community center property.

32 (ii) (A) A city locating an automated traffic safety camera under  
33 this subsection (1) (d) must complete an equity analysis that  
34 evaluates livability, accessibility, economics, education, and  
35 environmental health, and shall consider the outcome of that analysis  
36 when identifying where to locate an automated traffic safety camera.

37 (B) Automated traffic safety cameras must be placed in a manner  
38 that limits drivers from diverting to alternative roads to avoid an  
39 automated traffic safety camera.

1        (e) Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of  
2 the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is  
3 occurring. The picture must not reveal the face of the driver or of  
4 passengers in the vehicle. The primary purpose of camera placement is  
5 to take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate when an  
6 infraction is occurring. Cities and counties shall consider  
7 installing cameras in a manner that minimizes the impact of camera  
8 flash on drivers.

9        ~~((e))~~ (f) A notice of infraction must be mailed to the  
10 registered owner of the vehicle within ~~((fourteen))~~ 14 days of the  
11 violation, or to the renter of a vehicle within ~~((fourteen))~~ 14 days  
12 of establishing the renter's name and address under subsection (3)(a)  
13 of this section. The law enforcement officer issuing the notice of  
14 infraction shall include with it a certificate or facsimile thereof,  
15 based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, or electronic  
16 images produced by an automated traffic safety camera, stating the  
17 facts supporting the notice of infraction. This certificate or  
18 facsimile is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in it and is  
19 admissible in a proceeding charging a violation under this chapter.  
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21 the violation must be available for inspection and admission into  
22 evidence in a proceeding to adjudicate the liability for the  
23 infraction. A person receiving a notice of infraction based on  
24 evidence detected by an automated traffic safety camera may respond  
25 to the notice by mail.

26        ~~((f))~~ (g) The registered owner of a vehicle is responsible for  
27 an infraction under RCW 46.63.030(1)(d) unless the registered owner  
28 overcomes the presumption in RCW 46.63.075, or, in the case of a  
29 rental car business, satisfies the conditions under subsection (3) of  
30 this section. If appropriate under the circumstances, a renter  
31 identified under subsection (3)(a) of this section is responsible for  
32 an infraction.

33        ~~((g))~~ (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all  
34 photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images prepared under  
35 this section are for the exclusive use of law enforcement in the  
36 discharge of duties under this section and are not open to the public  
37 and may not be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding  
38 unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation under this  
39 section. No photograph, microphotograph, or electronic image may be

1 used for any purpose other than enforcement of violations under this  
2 section nor retained longer than necessary to enforce this section.

3 ~~((h))~~ (i) All locations where an automated traffic safety  
4 camera is used must be clearly marked at least ~~((thirty))~~ 30 days  
5 prior to activation of the camera by placing signs in locations that  
6 clearly indicate to a driver that he or she is entering a zone where  
7 traffic laws are enforced by an automated traffic safety camera.  
8 Signs placed in automated traffic safety camera locations after June  
9 7, 2012, must follow the specifications and guidelines under the  
10 manual of uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways as  
11 adopted by the department of transportation under chapter 47.36 RCW.

12 ~~((i))~~ (j) If a county or city has established an authorized  
13 automated traffic safety camera program under this section, the  
14 compensation paid to the manufacturer or vendor of the equipment used  
15 must be based only upon the value of the equipment and services  
16 provided or rendered in support of the system, and may not be based  
17 upon a portion of the fine or civil penalty imposed or the revenue  
18 generated by the equipment.

19 (k) If a city is operating an automated traffic safety camera to  
20 detect speed violations under (c) or (d) of this subsection, the city  
21 shall remit monthly to the state 50 percent of the noninterest money  
22 received for infractions issued by those cameras excess of the cost  
23 to administer, install, operate, and maintain the automated traffic  
24 safety cameras, including the cost of processing infractions. Money  
25 remitted under this subsection to the state treasurer shall be  
26 deposited in the Cooper Jones active transportation safety account  
27 created in RCW 46.68.480. The remaining 50 percent retained by the  
28 city must be used only for improvements to transportation that  
29 support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities.

30 (2) Infractions detected through the use of automated traffic  
31 safety cameras are not part of the registered owner's driving record  
32 under RCW 46.52.101 and 46.52.120. Additionally, infractions  
33 generated by the use of automated traffic safety cameras under this  
34 section shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions,  
35 including for the purposes of RCW 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 46.16A.120,  
36 and 46.20.270(2). The amount of the fine issued for an infraction  
37 generated through the use of an automated traffic safety camera shall  
38 not exceed the amount of a fine issued for other parking infractions  
39 within the jurisdiction. However, the amount of the fine issued for a  
40 traffic control signal violation detected through the use of an

1 automated traffic safety camera shall not exceed the monetary penalty  
2 for a violation of RCW 46.61.050 as provided under RCW 46.63.110,  
3 including all applicable statutory assessments.

4 (3) If the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car  
5 business, the law enforcement agency shall, before a notice of  
6 infraction being issued under this section, provide a written notice  
7 to the rental car business that a notice of infraction may be issued  
8 to the rental car business if the rental car business does not,  
9 within (~~eighteen~~) 18 days of receiving the written notice, provide  
10 to the issuing agency by return mail:

11 (a) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing  
12 address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the  
13 infraction occurred; or

14 (b) A statement under oath that the business is unable to  
15 determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the  
16 infraction occurred because the vehicle was stolen at the time of the  
17 infraction. A statement provided under this subsection must be  
18 accompanied by a copy of a filed police report regarding the vehicle  
19 theft; or

20 (c) In lieu of identifying the vehicle operator, the rental car  
21 business may pay the applicable penalty.

22 Timely mailing of this statement to the issuing law enforcement  
23 agency relieves a rental car business of any liability under this  
24 chapter for the notice of infraction.

25 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer  
26 from issuing a notice of traffic infraction to a person in control of  
27 a vehicle at the time a violation occurs under RCW 46.63.030(1) (a),  
28 (b), or (c).

29 (5) For the purposes of this section, "automated traffic safety  
30 camera" means a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work  
31 in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, a  
32 railroad grade crossing control system, or a speed measuring device,  
33 and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more  
34 sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the  
35 rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when  
36 facing a steady red traffic control signal or an activated railroad  
37 grade crossing control signal, or exceeds a speed limit as detected  
38 by a speed measuring device.

39 (6) During the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 fiscal biennia, this  
40 section does not apply to automated traffic safety cameras for the

1 purposes of section 216(5), chapter 367, Laws of 2011 and section  
2 216(6), chapter 306, Laws of 2013.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act takes effect June  
4 30, 2023.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30,  
6 2023.

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