
Transportation Committee

HB 2323

Brief Description: Establishing a blue envelope program.

Sponsors: Representatives Eslick, Steele, Ramel, Reed and Hill.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes the "blue envelope program" to enhance communication between individuals who are neurodivergent and officers during traffic stops.
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Hearing Date: 1/19/26

Staff: Sandy Myer (786-7140).

Background:

Any person in operation of a vehicle is required to carry proof of vehicle registration for the vehicle in which it is issued to and provide proof of, registration upon demand to local authorities or any law enforcement officer.

To operate a motor vehicle in the State of Washington, the person must be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits, covered by a certificate of deposit, or covered by a liability bond. At the request of a law enforcement officer, proof of financial responsibility for the motor vehicle must be provided. If proof of financial responsibility is not provided, the person is subject to a traffic infraction which may result in a penalty or community restitution.

It is unlawful for an operator of a moving vehicle who has been stopped for a traffic infraction to refuse the officer's request to provide a valid drivers' license, insurance identification card or proof of financial responsibility, and the vehicle's registration.

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Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is required to work in consultation with relevant stakeholders to establish the "blue envelope program" (program) for people who are neurodivergent to enhance communication during traffic stops between individuals and officers.

The program must contain the following printed information on the envelope:

- information for the both envelope's holder and responding law enforcement officer regarding traffic stop safety tips and recommendations for interacting with law enforcement officers; and
- information on what types of documents to include inside the envelope, such as but not limited to: vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

The DOL must maintain accessible information and resources regarding the program on an existing website and blue envelopes must be made available at no cost to vehicle owners at all driver licensing offices within the state.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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