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AGENDA

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

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**Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda  
January through June 2026**

This report outlines current and anticipated rule-making activities for the Washington state patrol (WSP). This agenda is provided in accordance with the requirements of RCW 34.05.314. If you have questions regarding this report or WSP rule-making activities, please contact Kimberly Mathis at 360-596-4017 or wsprules@wsp.wa.gov.

This agenda is for informational purposes only, and the listed dates for anticipated rule-making actions are estimates. Any errors in this agenda do not affect the validity of the rules or rule-making notices filed with the office of the code reviser and published in the Washington State Register.

Additional WSP rule-making activities may occur that cannot be forecasted, as WSP may initiate rule making to implement new state laws, comply with federal requirements, or respond to unforeseen circumstances.

| <b>Proposed Rule Making</b>                       |  |                        |                                   |
|---|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Rule</b>                                       | <b>Scope</b>   | <b>Deadline</b>        | <b>Legislation Effective Date</b> |
| Fire marshal standards                            | Clarify guidelines and practices   | To be determined (TBD) | N/A                               |
| Tow truck equipment standards                     | Update outdated equipment standards  | July 2026              | N/A                               |
| Permit to purchase (HB 1163)                      | Create a new permit and training certification system  | April 2027             | May 2027                          |
| Hands-free wireless communication devices         | Update the referenced RCW  | TBD                    | N/A                               |
| Lighting requirements                             | Allow usage of green flashing lights on highway maintenance vehicles                             | May 2026               | N/A                               |
| Work zone speed safety camera program (ESSB 5801) | Update the \$0 penalty to \$125  | May 2026               | July 2026                         |
| Transportation requirements                       | Clarify language to permit drivers aged 18-21 to operate eligible commercial vehicles intrastate | February 2026          | N/A                               |

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