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**Transportation Committee**

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**HB 1466**

**Brief Description:** Allowing motorcycles to stop and proceed through traffic signals.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Flannigan, Woods, Darneille, Condotta, Kirby, Orcutt, Simpson, Haigh, Nixon, Chase, Strow, Hunt, Blake, Campbell and Kagi.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows motorcycles to turn left after one cycle at a signalized intersection equipped with a vehicle detection device that fails to register the presence of the vehicle.

**Hearing Date:** 2/28/05

**Staff:** David Munnecke (786-7315).

**Background:**

All vehicle operators are required to obey traffic control devices, including traffic signals at intersections. Some of these traffic signals are equipped with sensors that determine when a vehicle has approached the intersection. Once detected by the sensor, the traffic signal will initiate a change in, or extension of, a traffic signal phase (e.g., change a red light to green).

**Summary of Bill:**

After stopping at an intersection controlled by a traffic signal using a vehicle detection device, a motorcyclist may proceed to turn left, after exercising due care, if a full cycle of the traffic signal has passed without the left turn signal operating.

A belief that a traffic signal is equipped with a vehicle detection device, when it is not, is not a defense to a traffic citation for failure to obey a traffic signal. Similarly, a belief that the device is inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle is not a defense when the device is not inoperative.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** None.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on September 1, 2005.