

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1107

As Reported By House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to right of way for transit vehicles.

Brief Description: Requiring yielding right of way to buses.

Sponsors: Representatives R. Fisher and Jacobsen.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Transportation, February 4, 1993, DPA.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 24 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; Brown, Vice Chair; Jones, Vice Chair; Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Mielke, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Brumsickle; Cothorn; Eide; Finkbeiner; Forner; Fuhrman; Hansen; Heavey; Horn; Johanson; J. Kohl; H. Myers; Orr; Quall; Sheldon; Shin; Wood; and Zellinsky.

Staff: Jeff Doyle (786-7322).

Background: Automobiles are not required to yield the right of way to transit vehicles.

Summary of Amended Bill: The driver of a vehicle must yield the right of way to a transit vehicle traveling in the same direction that has signaled and is attempting to reenter the flow of traffic.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: The amended bill clarifies when the driver of a vehicle must yield to transit and places a standard of care upon the transit operator to drive with due regard for the safety of others.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Amended Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Buses are allowed to reenter the traffic flow after stopping to drop off and pick up passengers.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Steve Ross, Amalgamated Transit Union (with concerns); Dan Snow, Washington State Transit Association (with concerns); and Rick Jensen, Washington State Patrol (with concerns).