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HOUSE BILL 2740

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By Representatives Zellinsky, Brumsickle and Kremen

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1            AN ACT Relating to load regulations for solid waste collection  
2 vehicles and ready-mix mixer trucks; adding a new section to chapter  
3 46.44 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6            (1) Washington is the only state among the thirty-three states  
7 recognizing the federal bridge axle formula to require the activation  
8 switch for a retractable axle on a solid waste collection vehicle or a  
9 ready-mix mixer truck to be located out of reach of the driver's  
10 compartment;

11            (2) Retractable axles can only be operated in a fully up or fully  
12 down position and the variable control to adjust axle loadings is  
13 always located out of reach of the driver's compartment;

14            (3) Modern safety standards require that the driver remain in the  
15 vehicle and operate the mixer from inside the driver's compartment  
16 whenever possible.

17            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.44 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1       The department of transportation and local authorities may not  
2 adopt regulations requiring that a retractable axle up/down activation  
3 switch for a solid waste collection vehicle or a ready-mix mixer truck  
4 be located out of reach of the driver's compartment so long as any  
5 variable control used to adjust axle loadings by regulating air  
6 pressure or by other means is out of reach of the driver's compartment.

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