

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5541

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Restricting the distance a vehicle may travel in a two-way left-turn lane.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Wood, Goings and Winsley; by request of Washington State Patrol).

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget**

**Background:** The existing statute regarding two-way left turn lanes only states that a vehicle may not pass another in a two-way left turn lane. Drivers often travel significant distances in two-way left turn lanes before making a turn or entering traffic. This increases the risk of right-of-way collisions, especially during peak traffic hours.

**Summary:** The distance in which a vehicle can travel in a two-way left turn lane is 300 feet.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	45	3
House	91	6

**Effective:** July 27, 1997