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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheahan, Sterk, Crouse and Costa)

Brief Title: Authorizing law enforcement officers to impound the vehicles of persons who are patronizing prostitutes.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 1/23/98)

Provides that, upon arresting and taking into custody a person suspected of patronizing a prostitute in violation of RCW 9A.88.110 or patronizing a juvenile prostitute in violation of RCW 9.68A.100, where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of either crime, a law enforcement officer may immediately impound the vehicle, provided that the person arrested is the owner of the vehicle.

Declares that impoundments performed under this section shall be in accordance with chapter 46.55 RCW.

Provides that, if the vehicle of a person arrested for patronizing a prostitute or patronizing a juvenile prostitute is impounded and the person is not subsequently convicted of the crime for which he or she was arrested, the law enforcement agency that arrested the person and ordered the impoundment of the vehicle is liable for the costs of the impoundment, including towing and storage costs.