

2885-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Sheahan, Costa, McDonald, Backlund, Mielke, Smith, Boldt and Thompson)

Brief Title: Providing additional penalty options for drunk driving.

HB 2885-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides additional penalty options for drunk driving.

Provides that, in lieu of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, the court may order not less than fifteen days of electronic home monitoring. The offender shall pay the cost of electronic home monitoring. The county or municipality in which the penalty is being imposed shall determine the cost. The court may also require the offender's electronic home monitoring device to include an alcohol detection breathalyzer, and the court may restrict the amount of alcohol the offender may consume during the time the offender is on electronic home monitoring.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2885-S

March 30, 1998

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2, Substitute House Bill No. 2885 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to drunk driving;"

SHB 2885 allows fifteen to thirty-day periods of home confinement in lieu of one to two days in jail for first-time DUI offenders. This legislation will be effective in reducing the jail costs of local governments.

Section 2 of SHB 2885 would require that the Office of Financial Management verify claims from local governments for increased levels of services mandated by the act. This section would add an unnecessary additional bureaucratic layer to the existing statutory and procedural process for handling these claims. I will direct the Office of Financial Management and the Department of General Administration to work collaboratively with the appropriate legislative committees to ensure that timely and accurate information is provided to the Legislature.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 2 of Substitute House Bill No. 2885.

With the exception of section 2, Substitute House Bill No. 2885 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor