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SENATE BILL 6683

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By Senators Franklin, Kline, Heavey, Thibaudeau and Costa

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1            AN ACT Relating to reporting information on routine traffic  
2 enforcement; and adding a new section to chapter 46.63 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.63 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Beginning July 1, 2001, every traffic enforcement agency in  
7 this state shall provide an annual report to the department, on forms  
8 provided by the department, including the following information:

9            (a) The number of individuals stopped for routine traffic  
10 enforcement, whether or not a citation or warning was issued;

11            (b) Identifying characteristics of the individual stopped,  
12 including the race or ethnicity, approximate age, and gender;

13            (c) The alleged traffic infraction that led to the stop;

14            (d) Whether a search was instituted as a result of the stop;

15            (e) Whether the vehicle, personal effects, driver, or passenger or  
16 passengers were searched;

17            (f) The legal basis for the search, including whether consent was  
18 obtained, whether canine alerted, and whether there was probable cause  
19 or reasonable suspicion to suspect a crime;

1 (g) Whether any contraband was discovered in the course of the  
2 search;

3 (h) What was the contraband and how many or how much of the  
4 contraband was found;

5 (i) Whether any oral or written citation or warning was issued as  
6 a result of the stop;

7 (j) Whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or  
8 the search; and

9 (k) Whether any property was seized under forfeiture laws with a  
10 description of that property.

11 (2) It is the duty of the department to compile the information  
12 required under subsection (1) of this section in a manner that is of  
13 value in guiding the policies of the legislature and of those in charge  
14 of the apprehension, prosecution, and treatment of criminals and  
15 delinquents, or concerned with the prevention of crime and delinquency.  
16 The report shall include statistics which are comparable with national  
17 uniform criminal statistics published by federal bureaus or  
18 departments.

19 (3) Data acquired under this section shall be used only for  
20 research or statistical purposes and shall not contain any information  
21 that may reveal the identity of any individual who is stopped or any  
22 law enforcement officer.

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