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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Sommers, Wood, Benson, Schindler and Gombosky)

Brief Title: Enhancing traffic safety.

**HB 1971-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the traffic safety commission to periodically report to the legislative transportation committee on the progress of the bicycle and pedestrian safety committee.

Provides that a police officer shall report to the department, on a form prescribed by the director: (1) When a collision has occurred that results in a fatality; and

(2) the identity of the operator of a vehicle involved in the collision when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the operator caused the collision.

Provides that a police officer shall report to the department, on a form prescribed by the director: (1) When a collision has occurred that results in a serious injury;

(2) the identity of the operator of a vehicle involved in the collision when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the operator who caused the serious injury may not be competent to operate a motor vehicle; and

(3) the reason or reasons for the officer's belief.

Requires retesting of the operator causing a serious injury.

Requires that, when applicable, the certificate of registration must include a statement that the owner or entity operating a commercial vehicle must be in compliance with the requirements of the United States department of transportation federal motor carrier safety regulations contained in Title 49 C.F.R. Part 382, controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.

Provides that a person or employer who begins or conducts commercial motor vehicle operations without having a controlled substance and alcohol testing program that is in compliance with the requirements of Title 49 C.F.R. Part 382 is subject to a penalty, under the process set forth in RCW 46.32.100, of up to one thousand five hundred dollars and up to an additional five hundred dollars for each motor vehicle driver employed by the person or employer who is not in compliance with the motor vehicle driver testing requirements. A person or employer having actual knowledge that a driver has tested positive for controlled substances or alcohol who allows a positively tested person to continue to perform a safety-sensitive function is subject to a penalty, under the process set forth in RCW 46.32.100, of one thousand five hundred dollars.