

5099-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Sellar, Rasmussen, Benton, Oke, Gardner, Swecker, Goings, Horn, Eide, Patterson, Morton, Prentice and Costa)

Brief Title: Enhancing responsibility and training of commercial vehicle enforcement officers.

**SB 5099-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/15/99)

Finds that enhanced responsibility and training for commercial vehicle enforcement officers will contribute to the efficient and safe delivery of freight in Washington.

Declares that commercial vehicle enforcement officers have the same traffic infraction enforcement authority as commissioned Washington state patrol officers as it relates to situations involving commercial vehicles. Traffic infraction enforcement authority does not include pursuit of vehicles. The patrol shall provide the training necessary to ensure the safety and success of the officers in these duties.

Authorizes commercial vehicle enforcement officers to provide medical assistance and direct traffic in situations where the officers can be of assistance. The patrol shall continue to provide training to commercial vehicle enforcement officers in first aid and traffic control.