

5961-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Goings, Gardner, Benton, Patterson, Eide, Morton, Sellar, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Winsley and Rasmussen)

Brief Title: Allowing a vehicle in an accident to be moved to safety.

**SB 5961-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person or damage to other property must move the vehicle as soon as possible off the roadway or freeway main lanes, shoulders, medians, and adjacent areas to a location on an exit ramp shoulder, the frontage road, the nearest suitable cross street, or other suitable location.

Declares that moving the vehicle in no way affects fault for an accident.

Provides that a law enforcement officer or representative of the department of transportation may cause a motor vehicle, cargo, or debris to be moved from the roadway; and neither the department of transportation representative, nor anyone acting under the direction of the officer or the department of transportation representative is liable for any damage to the motor vehicle, cargo, or debris caused by reasonable efforts of removal.