

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## EHB 2573

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As of March 14, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to traffic safety education funding.

**Brief Description:** Funding traffic safety education.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schual-Berke, Wood, Doumit, Hunt, Murray, Haigh, Kagi, Berkey, Sullivan, Fisher, Lovick, Jackley, Cooper, Simpson and McDermott.

**Brief History:**

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**Staff:** Dean Carlson (786-7305)

**Background:** Qualified applicants for a driver's instruction permit pay a \$5 fee, which includes a photograph on the permit. Those applicants who want a permit without a photograph pay a \$4 fee.

Those persons who have not been previously licensed in Washington, or whose last Washington license expired more than five years previously, pay an examination fee of \$7.

Money collected from these fees is deposited into the Highway Safety Fund (HSF).

**Summary of Bill:** The fee for a driver's instruction permit with or without a photograph is raised from \$5 to \$15, plus an additional \$15 fee is added. The first \$15 fee is deposited into the highway safety fund and the additional \$15 fee is added to the public safety and education account to fund traffic safety education in public schools.

The examination fee for a person who has not been previously licensed in Washington, or whose last Washington license expired more than five years ago, is raised from \$7 to \$10, plus an additional fee of \$15 is added. The first \$10 fee is deposited into the highway safety fund and the additional \$15 fee is added to the public safety and education account to fund traffic safety education in public schools.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Revenue projections available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on July 1, 2002.