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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Long, Kohl-Welles, Sheahan, Patterson, Finkbeiner, Constantine, Oke and Carlson)

Brief Description: Authorizing use of vehicle immobilization devices in lieu of impoundment.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that vehicle immobilization means the removal of a vehicle to the registered owner's residence, other property, or to a location specified by ordinance or rule and the placement of a vehicle immobilization device on the vehicle for the impoundment periods authorized in RCW 46.55.120.

Provides that a vehicle immobilized under this act must be stored, while immobilized, at a location specified by ordinance or rule, or on private property with the consent of the owner of the property if the owner of the property is not the owner of the vehicle.

Provides that any local government ordinance or state agency rule that authorizes impoundment and redemption of vehicles as provided in RCW 46.55.113 and 46.55.120 may allow vehicle immobilization in lieu of impoundment when the driver has been arrested for a violation of RCW 46.20.342.

Declares that a local ordinance may provide criminal penalties for damaging, unlawfully removing, or rendering inoperative a vehicle immobilization device used to immobilize a vehicle under this act.