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Brief Description: Penalizing disruption of traffic by pedestrians.

SB 5953.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/12/03)

Provides that a pedestrian may not unlawfully and intentionally impede, or otherwise disrupt, the flow of traffic on a highway that has been designated, in whole or in part, as a highway of statewide significance.

Makes a violation of this act a gross misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

Declares that nothing in this act prohibits the filing, at any time, of a cause of action for damages resulting from the disruption of traffic caused by a pedestrian or pedestrians.

Provides that, in addition to any other costs that may be imposed by the court, the court shall require a defendant to reimburse the actual costs incurred by a law enforcement agency or emergency personnel, as a result of responding to the traffic disruption prohibited under this act.