

HB 1714 - DIGEST

Recognizes the increasing evidence that tobacco secondhand smoke creates a danger to the health of the citizens of this state. In order to protect the health and welfare of those citizens, it is necessary to prohibit smoking in public places.

Provides that a person who violates RCW 70.160.050 is guilty of an infraction punishable by: (1) A warning to the owner or person in charge for the first violation that occurs within a calendar year;

(2) A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for a second violation that occurs within a calendar year; and

(3) A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for each additional violation that occurs within a calendar year.

Declares that nothing in chapter 70.160 RCW prevents a city, town, or county from adopting ordinances more restrictive than this chapter or regulations adopted under this chapter that restrict or prohibit smoking in public places situated within its jurisdiction.

Repeals RCW 70.160.040 and 70.160.060.