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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1588**

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**State of Washington                      60th Legislature                      2007 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Wood, Hudgins, Takko, Moeller and Simpson)

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing mobility education to students in  
2 driver training programs; amending RCW 46.82.420; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 28A.220 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an  
4 expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that it  
7 is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage the safe and  
8 efficient use of the roads by all citizens, regardless of mode of  
9 transportation. In furtherance of this policy, the legislature further  
10 finds and declares that driver training programs should enhance the  
11 driver training curriculum in order to emphasize the importance of  
12 safely sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians and educate  
13 students regarding the availability of mass transit, bicycling, and  
14 walking as mobility options.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the  
16 Matthew "Tatsuo" Nakata act.

1           **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2006 c 219 s 12 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the  
4 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and  
5 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an  
6 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such  
7 curriculum.

8           (2) In addition to information on the safe, lawful, and responsible  
9 operation of motor vehicles on the state's highways, the basic minimum  
10 required curriculum shall include information on:

11           (a) Intermediate driver's license issuance, passenger and driving  
12 restrictions and sanctions for violating the restrictions, and the  
13 effect of traffic violations and collisions on the driving privileges;

14           (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,  
15 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and  
16 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties  
17 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; ~~((and))~~

18           (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the motorcycle safety  
19 foundation, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles have been  
20 instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with  
21 motorcyclists;

22           (d) Bicycle safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles have  
23 been instructed in (i) the importance of safely sharing the road with  
24 bicyclists and (ii) the availability and safe use of bicycling as a  
25 mobility option; and

26           (e) Pedestrian safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles  
27 have been instructed in (i) the importance of safely sharing the road  
28 with pedestrians and (ii) the availability and safe use of walking as  
29 a mobility option.

30           (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any  
31 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper  
32 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the  
33 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory  
34 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school  
35 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not  
36 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the  
37 license of the instructor or school, or both.



1 provide the mobility education curriculum as an additional component to  
2 the driver training program at no additional cost to the students  
3 enrolled in the program.

4 (4) The department of licensing must consult with an advisory  
5 committee on the mobility education pilot program.

6 (a) The advisory committee will consist of the driver instructors'  
7 advisory committee established under RCW 46.82.300, plus a  
8 representative selected by the director of the department of licensing  
9 from each of the following communities:

10 (i) Health;

11 (ii) Transit;

12 (iii) Environmental;

13 (iv) Bicyclists;

14 (v) Pedestrians; and

15 (vi) Other communities the director deems appropriate.

16 (b) The advisory committee must:

17 (i) Consult with the department of licensing regarding the awarding  
18 of contracts for the development of the mobility education curriculum  
19 and the pilot projects;

20 (ii) Consult with the department of licensing and the contractor  
21 regarding the development of the mobility education curriculum; and

22 (iii) Evaluate the pilot projects, with the assistance of the  
23 department of licensing, and provide recommendations to the  
24 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2009,  
25 regarding, at a minimum, curriculum content, cost, implementation,  
26 funding, liability, whether mobility education should be a voluntary or  
27 mandatory portion of the driver training curriculum, and whether and  
28 how to provide the mobility education curriculum statewide.

29 (5) This section expires June 30, 2009.

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