
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5331

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman and Swecker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to speed limits on nonlimited access state highways
2 within tribal reservation boundaries; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.61 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Tribal authorities, within their reservation boundaries, may
8 determine based on an engineering and traffic investigation that the
9 maximum speed permitted under RCW 46.61.400 or 46.61.405 is greater or
10 less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist
11 upon a nonlimited access state highway or part of a nonlimited access
12 state highway. Then, the tribal authority may determine and declare
13 a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which:

14 (a) Decreases the limit at intersections;

15 (b) Increases the limit, not exceeding sixty miles per hour; or

16 (c) Decreases the limit, not lower than twenty miles per hour.

17 (2) Any alteration by tribal authorities of maximum limits on a
18 nonlimited access state highway is not effective until the alteration
19 has been approved by the secretary of transportation and appropriate

1 signs giving notice of the alteration have been posted. In the case of
2 an alteration by tribal authorities of maximum limits on a nonlimited
3 access state highway that is also part of a city or town street or
4 county road within tribal reservation boundaries, the alteration is not
5 effective until that alteration has also been approved by the
6 applicable local authority.

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