

**HB 1739-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Promotes accessible communities for persons with disabilities.

Finds that more than nine hundred thousand Washington state residents with disabilities continue to face barriers to full participation that could be easily eliminated.

Increases parking infraction penalties for blocking or otherwise making inaccessible the access aisle located next to a space reserved for persons with physical disabilities or for parking in a parking place reserved for persons with physical disabilities.

Creates the accessible communities account. Two hundred dollars from each penalty imposed under section 6 (7), (8), (9), and (11) of the act (special parking for persons with disabilities) must be deposited into the account.

Requires the military department's emergency management division to provide technical assistance in developing the planning template and in assisting local emergency management jurisdictions in incorporating the template into local comprehensive emergency management plans within existing resources.