

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1103

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As of March 15, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to the use of television viewers in motor vehicles.

**Brief Description:** Modifying the use of television viewers in motor vehicles.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, Morris and Armstrong).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/22/11, 90-3.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/14/11.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Katherine Taylor (786-7434)

**Background:** Under current law, equipment capable of receiving television broadcasts must be located at a point behind the back of the driver's seat in a motor vehicle.

**Summary of Bill:** The requirement that the equipment capable of receiving a television broadcast be located at a point behind the driver's seat is eliminated.

A person is prohibited from driving a motor vehicle equipped with any television viewer or screen when the moving images are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle on a public road.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Many other states allow this technology in vehicles; the technology is driver distraction neutral and safe.

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OTHER: WSP just wants to make sure that drivers are not distracted and drive safely.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Ryan Spiller, Auto Alliance.

OTHER: Jason Berry, WSP.