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By Representatives Klippert, Lias, Billig, Rolfes, Fitzgibbon,  
Reykdal, Ryu, Finn, and Moscoso

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1            AN ACT Relating to a bicycle and pedestrian traffic safety  
2 curriculum; adding a new section to chapter 46.83 RCW; and creating a  
3 new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a number of  
6 cities and counties in the state of Washington conduct traffic schools  
7 or traffic safety courses for persons cited for traffic infractions or  
8 traffic-related criminal offenses as a condition of a deferral,  
9 sentence, or penalty. The legislature recognizes that since driver  
10 education programs have only recently been required to provide  
11 information about how to drive safely among bicyclists and pedestrians,  
12 many licensed drivers do not have knowledge about such safe driving  
13 practices. In order to increase such knowledge and to avoid  
14 unnecessary injuries, fatalities, and conflicts, the legislature  
15 believes that it is appropriate to include the bicycle and pedestrian  
16 curriculum approved by the department of licensing for driver training  
17 schools as part of the curriculum of such traffic schools and traffic  
18 safety courses. Curriculum materials, which are donated by bicycle

1 organizations to the department of licensing without state expense, are  
2 available from the department of licensing and are also available  
3 electronically on the department's web site.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.83 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Any jurisdiction conducting a traffic school or traffic safety  
7 course in connection with a condition of a deferral, sentence, or  
8 penalty for a traffic infraction or traffic-related criminal offense  
9 listed under RCW 46.63.020 shall include, as part of its curriculum,  
10 the curriculum for driving safely among bicyclists and pedestrians that  
11 has been approved by the department of licensing for driver training  
12 schools. This curriculum requirement does not require that more than  
13 thirty minutes be devoted to the bicycle and pedestrian curriculum.

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