

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6138**

62nd Legislature  
2012 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 6, 2012  
YEAS 48 NAYS 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 2, 2012  
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6138** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Ericksen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/12.

1            AN ACT Relating to maximum vehicle lengths; and amending RCW  
2    46.44.030.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 2005 c 189 s 2 are each amended to read  
5    as follows:

6            It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways  
7    of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without  
8    load, in excess of forty feet. This restriction does not apply to (1)  
9    a municipal transit vehicle, (2) auto stage, private carrier bus,  
10   school bus, or motor home with an overall length not to exceed forty-  
11   six feet, (~~(3)~~) (3) an articulated auto stage with an overall length  
12   not to exceed sixty-one feet, or (4) an auto recycling carrier up to  
13   forty-two feet in length manufactured prior to 2005.

14           It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways  
15   of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer  
16   that has a semitrailer length in excess of fifty-three feet or a  
17   combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which the  
18   combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet, with or without  
19   load.

1       It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this  
2 state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or log truck  
3 and stinger-steered pole trailer, with an overall length, with or  
4 without load, in excess of seventy-five feet. "Stinger-steered," as  
5 used in this section, means the coupling device is located behind the  
6 tread of the tires of the last axle of the towing vehicle.

7       These length limitations do not apply to vehicles transporting  
8 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that  
9 cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required  
10 for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties, but in  
11 respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon  
12 shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both  
13 sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to  
14 clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

15       Excluded from the calculation of length are certain devices that  
16 provide added safety, energy conservation, or are otherwise necessary,  
17 and are not designed or used to carry cargo. The length-exclusive  
18 devices must be identified in rules adopted by the department of  
19 transportation under RCW 46.44.101.

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