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SENATE BILL 5534

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By Senators Rolfes and Billig

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1 AN ACT Relating to assessing penalties on motor vehicle-related  
2 violations in order to support the Washington state strategic highway  
3 safety plan; adding a new section to chapter 46.64 RCW; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 43.59 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing  
5 penalties.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that traffic  
8 deaths and serious injuries related to impaired driving and speeding  
9 are preventable and cause a public safety problem in Washington state.  
10 Such crashes have a significant bearing on overall law enforcement and  
11 court caseloads. The legislature further recognizes the growing costs  
12 associated with traffic safety education, enforcement, and advocacy  
13 programs established by local governments and community-based  
14 organizations.

15 (2) It is the legislature's intent to establish a penalty that will  
16 hold convicted motor vehicle offenders accountable and help to offset  
17 the costs of effective city, county, or community programs created to  
18 reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries consistent with the

1 priorities set in the Washington state strategic highway safety plan:  
2 Target Zero.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.64 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) All superior courts, and courts organized under Title 3 or 35  
6 RCW, must impose a penalty assessment of one hundred dollars on any  
7 person who is convicted for a violation of RCW 46.20.342, 46.20.750,  
8 46.52.010, 46.52.020, 46.61.024, 46.61.500, 46.61.502, 46.61.503,  
9 46.61.520, 46.61.522, 46.61.5249, or 46.61.530. The penalty assessment  
10 is in addition to, and does not supersede, any other penalty,  
11 restitution, fines, or costs provided by law. The court may not  
12 reduce, waive, or suspend the penalty assessment unless the court finds  
13 the offender to be indigent.

14 (2) The penalty assessment must be forwarded to the state treasurer  
15 and deposited into the target zero account created under section 3 of  
16 this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.59 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 The target zero account is created in the state treasury. All  
20 penalty assessments collected under section 2 of this act must be  
21 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only  
22 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account must be used by the  
23 Washington traffic safety commission to fund effective strategies and  
24 programs consistent with the priorities specified in the Washington  
25 state strategic highway safety plan: Target Zero.

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