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SENATE BILL 6219

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By Senators Dansel, Sheldon, Hatfield, and Hobbs

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1            AN ACT Relating to actions for damage arising from vehicular  
2 traffic on a primitive road; and amending RCW 36.75.300.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.75.300 and 1985 c 369 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The legislative authority of each county may by resolution classify  
7 and designate portions of the county roads as primitive roads where the  
8 designated road portion:

9            (1) Is not classified as part of the county primary road system, as  
10 provided for in RCW 36.86.070;

11            (2) Has a gravel or earth driving surface; and

12            (3) Has an average annual daily traffic of one hundred or fewer  
13 vehicles.

14            Any road designated as a primitive road shall be marked with signs  
15 indicating that it is a primitive road, as provided in the manual of  
16 uniform traffic control devices, at all places where the primitive road  
17 portion begins or connects with a highway other than another primitive  
18 road. No design or signing or maintenance standards or requirements,

1 other than the requirement that warning signs be placed as provided in  
2 this section, apply to primitive roads.

3 The design of a primitive road, any discretionary maintenance, and  
4 the location, placing, or failing to place road signs, other than the  
5 requirement that warning signs be placed as provided in this section,  
6 shall not be considered in any action for damages brought against a  
7 county, or against a county employee or county employees, or both,  
8 arising from vehicular traffic on the primitive road.

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