

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2181

PARTIAL VETO C 58 L 15 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the maximum speed limit on highways.

Sponsors: Representatives Schmick, Clibborn, Orcutt and Scott.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

Generally, the maximum speed limit on public streets, roads, and highways is set by statute: 25 miles per hour (mph) on city and town streets, 50 mph on county roads, and 60 mph on state highways. These limits may be increased or decreased by the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) if an engineering and traffic investigation shows that a higher or lower maximum speed is reasonable and safe under the circumstances. The maximum speed limit on any state highway, however, may not be increased to greater than 70 mph. Additionally, vehicles with a gross weight of greater than 10,000 pounds may not exceed 60 mph.

Summary:

The Secretary of the WSDOT may increase the maximum speed limit on any highway or portion of highway to not more than 75 miles per hour.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| House | 78 | 19 |
| Senate | 41 | 7 |

Effective: July 24, 2015

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes a section that provided legislative findings and explained that the Legislature intended House Bill 2181 to require the WSDOT to determine locations on Interstate 90, and elsewhere on the state highway system, upon which a greater speed limit is reasonable and safe and modify the maximum speed limit accordingly.

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