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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the consideration of the number of  
2 citations for traffic infractions issued by a law enforcement officer  
3 in the performance review of the officer; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 46.64 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds it is essential that  
7 the citizens of Washington state trust both the integrity and the  
8 intentions of law enforcement officers with whom they come in contact  
9 regarding traffic violations and that law enforcement agencies avoid  
10 the appearance of impropriety in the way they evaluate the  
11 performance of law enforcement officers. The legislature intends by  
12 this act to ensure that the performance of law enforcement officers  
13 is evaluated with objectivity, neutrality, impartiality, and fairness  
14 and avoids the perception that traffic stops are occurring pursuant  
15 to any real or alleged quota system or directive to enhance the  
16 evaluation of a law enforcement officer's performance or to enhance a  
17 law enforcement agency's revenue from the assessment of penalties  
18 imposed for traffic violations.

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

1       The number of citations issued by a law enforcement officer for  
2 traffic infractions, or the amount of penalties assessed from the  
3 issuance of such citations, may not be considered in any performance  
4 review, evaluation, rating, assessment, salary, promotion, or  
5 assignment of the law enforcement officer.

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