
Transportation Committee

HB 1149

Brief Description: Providing an exemption from certain maximum vehicle length limitations.

Sponsors: Representatives Chapman, Clibborn, Orcutt and Fey.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exempts public transit vehicles equipped with a bike rack from the three-foot vehicle front extension limit.
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Hearing Date: 1/19/17

Staff: Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

Background:

State law sets the maximum allowable lengths of front and rear vehicle protrusions. Under current law, originally established by the Washington Motor Vehicle Act (Senate Bill 148) in 1937, the load, or any portion of any vehicle, or the load, or any portion of the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle, or the front bumper, if equipped with a front bumper. In 1997 the law was amended by Substitute House Bill 1594 to exempt front-loading garbage or recycling trucks while on route and actually engaged in the collection of solid waste or recyclable at speeds of 20 miles per hour or less.

Summary of Bill:

The bill exempts public transit vehicles equipped with a bike rack from the three-foot vehicle extension limit.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.