
Transportation Committee

HB 2807

Brief Description: Addressing motor truck parking.

Sponsors: Representatives Lovick, Sells, McCabe, Senn, Pettigrew, Riccelli, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Orwall, Wylie, Valdez, Hudgins and Chapman.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to take a variety of actions regarding providing and studying truck parking in Washington.
- Allows trucks to park for up to 11 hours in any rest area or safety rest area within the limits of the right-of-way of interstate highways or other state highways.

Hearing Date:

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

In Washington, 64.3 percent of the freight is currently transported by truck, and this amount is projected to grow at annual rate of 1.7 percent between now and 2045. A recent Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) survey of truck drivers found that 46 percent of respondents frequently drove while fatigued due to insufficient parking and 59 percent frequently did not feel safe while parked overnight in Washington.

No person is allowed to park any vehicle for more than eight hours in any rest area or safety rest area within the limits of the right-of-way of interstate highways or other state highways in Washington, except as specifically authorized by the WSDOT.

Summary of Bill:

The WSDOT is required to take the following actions regarding truck parking:

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- develop a program to educate truck-drivers regarding parking options and develop a system to provide real-time information regarding available truck parking;
- gather pertinent information regarding truck parking, including by conducting origin and destination studies on such truck trips, and study options to provide for more truck parking in the longer term; and
- expand the availability of truck parking on WSDOT property, where such an expansion is practicable and can be achieved within existing resources.

The WSDOT is required to provide a report to the transportation committees of the Legislature regarding truck parking by November 15 of every even-numbered year. The report must summarize the then current state of truck parking in Washington and suggest actions and projects that can be undertaken to improve and expand such parking, if necessary.

Any person is allowed to park a truck for up to 11 hours in any rest area or safety rest area within the limits of the right-of-way of interstate highways or other state highways.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2018.