
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1332

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Stambaugh, and Jinkins)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to dangerous objects on county roads and bridges;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 36.85 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.85
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever there exists upon the right-of-way of any county
7 road or bridge, or off the right-of-way thereof in sufficiently close
8 proximity thereto, any structure, device, or natural or artificial
9 thing that imminently threatens to damage or endangers the county
10 road or bridge infrastructure or any portion thereof, or that
11 obstructs, blocks, or threatens normal use of the roadway thereon,
12 the structure, device, or natural or artificial thing is declared to
13 be a public nuisance, and the county may take such action as may be
14 necessary to effect its abatement. Any such structure, device, or
15 natural or artificial thing considered by the county to be
16 immediately or eminently dangerous to travel upon a county road or
17 bridge may be immediately removed, and the removal in no event
18 constitutes a breach of the peace or trespass.

19 (2) Logs dumped on any county road or bridge or in any county
20 road drainage ditch due to equipment failure or for any other reason
21 must be removed immediately. Logs remaining within the county road or

1 bridge or rights-of-way thereof for a period of thirty days must be
2 confiscated and removed or disposed of as directed by the county.

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