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## Appropriations Committee

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### HB 1585

**Brief Description:** Increasing the traumatic brain injury fee.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Doglio, DeBolt, Harris, Dye, Irwin, Stonier, Riccelli, Volz, Lovick, Frame, Fey, Schmick, Appleton, Kretz, Orcutt, Senn, Cody, Macri, Valdez, Jinkins, Kloba and Ormsby.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases the Traumatic Brain Injury Account fee from \$2 per traffic infraction to \$5 per traffic infraction.</li><li>• Prohibits the Traumatic Brain Injury Account fee from being reduced or waived.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/7/19

**Staff:** Mary Mulholland (786-7391).

**Background:**

Traffic Infraction Penalties, Assessments, and Fees.

The base penalties for the majority of traffic infractions are set by the Washington Supreme Court. The most common base penalty is \$48. Once additional assessments and fees are included, the total amount owed for infractions with base penalties of \$48 comes to \$136. This total includes the following additional penalties and fees, which are assessed for all traffic offenses: two public safety and education assessments (105 percent of base penalty); a legislative assessment (\$20 assessment); a trauma care fee (\$5 fee); an auto theft prevention fee (\$10 fee); and a Traumatic Brain Injury Account fee (\$2 fee).

The public safety and education assessments, legislative assessment, trauma care fee, and auto theft prevention fee may not be reduced or waived. The Traumatic Brain Injury Account fee may be reduced or waived.

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Funds collected from the Traumatic Brain Injury fee must be deposited in the Traumatic Brain Injury Account.

Traumatic Brain Injury Account.

The Traumatic Brain Injury Account is an appropriated account administered by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Funds from this account may only be used:

- to support activities listed in the Statewide Traumatic Brain Injury Comprehensive Plan;
- to provide a public awareness campaign and services relating to traumatic brain injury (including programs that facilitate support groups to individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families);
- for information and referral services; and
- for costs of DSHS staff providing support for the Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Traumatic Brain Injury Account fee is increased from \$2 per traffic infraction to \$5 per traffic infraction, and the fee may no longer be reduced or waived.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 23, 2019.

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