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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 2070

**Brief Description:** Clarifying the required color of certain lamps on vehicles.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Lovick, Dent, Griffey, Leavitt and Sells; by request of Washington State Patrol.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Aligns the state requirements for the color of rear vehicle signal lights and stop lamps with federal requirements.
- Allows rear vehicle signal devices to display a red or amber light.
- Requires rear vehicle stop lamps to display a red light.

**Hearing Date:** 2/28/19

**Staff:** Beth Redfield (786-7140).

#### Background:

Current state vehicle lighting laws require lighting devices on the rear of any vehicle to display a red color, with exceptions for stop lamps or other signal devices, which may be red, amber, or yellow. Specific requirements allow stop lamps on the rear of a vehicle to display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber.

Federal motor carrier safety laws allow rear signal devices on commercial motor vehicles to display either a red or amber color and require rear stop lamps to display a red color.

Washington receives over \$6 million annually from the federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement motor carrier safety programs.

#### Summary of Bill:

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Rear vehicle signal devices may display a red or amber light and rear vehicle stop lamps must display a red light.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 19, 2019.

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