

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6493

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 10, 2020

Title: An act relating to the Cooper Jones active transportation safety council.

Brief Description: Concerning the Cooper Jones active transportation safety council.

Sponsors: Senators Lias, King, Hobbs, Billig, Saldaña and Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/29/20, 2/10/20 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Combines the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council and the Cooper Jones Bicyclist Safety Advisory Council into the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Das, Lovelett, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Randall, Takko, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

Staff: Kimberly Johnson (786-7472)

Background: A 2015 law directed the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to convene a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council (Pedestrian Council) to review and analyze data related to pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries to identify points at which the transportation system could be improved and to identify patterns in pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries. The Pedestrian Council was required to meet at least quarterly and to provide a report and make recommendations on measures that could improve pedestrian

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safety by December 31st of each year. The Pedestrian Council expired June 30, 2019.

Summary of Bill: The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council and the Cooper Jones Bicyclist Safety Advisory Council are combined into the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council (Council). The WTSC is to convene the Council comprised of stakeholders who have a unique interest or expertise in the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorists.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: People testified

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Marko Liias, Prime Sponsor; Shelly Baldwin, Traffic Safety Commission.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.