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By Representatives Ryu, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Reed, Berry, Alvarado, Ramel, Macri, and Kloba

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting drivers from making a right turn
2 within proximity of certain facilities; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.61 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective
4 date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A vehicle operator facing a steady circular red signal or red
9 arrow at a controlled intersection may not proceed to make a right
10 turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way street or into a
11 one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn at
12 any such intersection within 1,000 feet of the following facilities:

- 13 (a) Elementary or secondary school;
- 14 (b) Child care center;
- 15 (c) Public park or playground;
- 16 (d) Recreation center or facility;
- 17 (e) Library;
- 18 (f) Public transit center;
- 19 (g) Hospital;
- 20 (h) Senior center; and

1 (i) Any other facility with high levels of pedestrian traffic as
2 determined by the appropriate local jurisdiction or the department of
3 transportation.

4 (2) The appropriate local jurisdiction or department of
5 transportation must erect signage at each affected controlled
6 intersection.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington traffic safety
8 commission must develop a statewide public awareness campaign to
9 inform and educate Washington citizens about the prohibition of right
10 turns on red in certain intersections under section 1 of this act.
11 The educational campaign must include the use of public service
12 announcements and written and digital informative and educational
13 materials distributed by reasonable means. The Washington traffic
14 safety commission and the department of transportation, working
15 independently or in collaboration or both, must develop the public
16 awareness campaign using any available resources, as well as federal
17 and other grant funds that may, from time to time, become available
18 for this purpose.

19 (2) This section expires July 1, 2026.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

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