
HOUSE BILL 2485

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of an automated highway
2 speed safety camera pilot program; creating a new section; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state department of
6 transportation may develop an automated highway speed safety camera
7 pilot program to test two to three automated traffic safety cameras
8 on state highways. The goals of the automated highway speed safety
9 camera pilot program are to test speed camera technology, determine
10 the impact on speeding behavior in areas of testing, and compile
11 public response to the use of traffic safety cameras on highways.

12 (2) The department of transportation must work with the
13 Washington state patrol and the traffic safety commission to develop
14 the pilot program including, but not limited to:

15 (a) Selection of technology;

16 (b) Placement of cameras in high speed, collision, or fatality
17 locations;

18 (c) Establishment of public notification and warning signs prior
19 to entering into an area with a speed safety camera;

20 (d) Outreach and public engagement about the program and site
21 selection process; and

1 (e) Development and implementation of a process to collect and
2 report relevant pilot program data, including rates of speed prior
3 to, during, and after the use of speed safety cameras, and public
4 response to pilot program cameras.

5 (3) Automated traffic safety cameras may only take pictures of
6 the vehicle and the vehicle license plates.

7 (4) Ticketing of violators using vehicle speed information
8 captured by automated traffic safety cameras authorized under the
9 pilot program is prohibited during the pilot program.

10 (5) The department of transportation may inform registered
11 vehicle owners of a vehicle's rate of speed exceeding the posted
12 speed limit and the amount of the fine the law would have allowed to
13 be imposed by providing notification by mail.

14 (6) The department of transportation shall provide a pilot
15 program progress report to the governor and transportation committees
16 of the legislature by September 30, 2024, to include a summary of
17 public input on the use of safety cameras, including objections,
18 evaluation of technologies used, and changes in speeding behavior.

19 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs,
20 microphotographs, or electronic images, or any other personally
21 identifying data prepared under this section, are for the exclusive
22 use of the Washington state patrol and department of transportation
23 in the discharge of duties under this section and are not open to the
24 public and may not be used in court in a pending action or
25 proceeding.

26 (8) This section expires July 1, 2025.

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