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Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology

Bill: 1st Substitute HB 69, Traffic Code Amendments

Sponsor: Rep. Musselman

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Wilson

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill: amends the Traffic Code to clarify the law with regard to a turn signal and objects that might obstruct a driver's view.

Discussion: The sponsor said this bill clarifies two things that are already in Code. First, the bill clarifies that a driver is required to signal to merge to another lane. Second, the bill prohibits a driver from operating a vehicle when their view is obstructed. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety fully supports the final version of this bill. Sen. Winterton asked if this bill applied to vehicles with oversized loads. The sponsor only contemplates the front driver's windshield when considering an obstructed view. Sen. Harper asked about parking passes in a vehicles windshield would be considered an obstruction to the driver's view. The sponsor said this bill does not apply to parking passes because the obstruction has to be larger than 25 square inches. Sen. Mayne voiced support for this bill.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: Passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation