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Sponsor(s): Senators Long, Anderson and Wood

Brief Title: Penalizing sleeping-driver homicide.

SB 5302 - DIGEST

Declares that, when the death of a person ensues within three years as a proximate result of injury proximately caused by the driving of a vehicle by a person, the driver is guilty of sleeping-driver homicide if, under circumstances not constituting vehicular homicide, the driver: (1) Fell asleep while operating a motor vehicle; and

(2) the circumstances leading up to the accident would have indicated to a reasonable person that he or she was likely to fall asleep at the wheel.

Declares that sleeping-driver homicide is a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.