
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5378

State of Washington

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Lias, Wellman, Zeiger, Mullet, and Hobbs)

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1 AN ACT Relating to automated personal delivery device work group;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Personal delivery devices are a new
5 automated electrically powered ground-based delivery device that are
6 being tested in Washington. Several jurisdictions, including several
7 states and the District of Columbia, have adopted laws or regulations
8 in recent years governing automated ground-based delivery devices.

9 (1) The joint transportation committee shall convene a work group
10 to provide policy recommendations to the transportation committees of
11 the legislature on a regulatory framework for automated electrically
12 powered ground-based delivery devices.

13 (2) The work group must be comprised of representatives for the
14 following stakeholder groups: Companies that want to operate the
15 devices in Washington, the association of Washington cities, the
16 Washington state association of counties, the Washington association
17 of sheriffs and police chiefs, the administrative office of the
18 courts, the department of licensing, the office of the insurance
19 commissioner, and any other stakeholder the joint transportation
20 committee finds would assist the work group to meet its goal.

1 (3) (a) The work group must consider the following regulatory
2 issues from both a local and state government perspective:
3 (i) Minimum and/or maximum speed allowance;
4 (ii) Right-of-way where the devices would be allowed to operate;
5 (iii) Size and weight restrictions of the devices when empty and
6 loaded;
7 (iv) Safety equipment or visibility (lighting or flag)
8 requirements;
9 (v) Operational requirements;
10 (vi) Insurance requirements;
11 (vii) Applicability and enforcement of traffic infractions;
12 (viii) Registration of the devices and/or the business entity
13 operating the devices, including fees.
14 (b) The work group may consider issues in addition to those
15 listed in (a) of this subsection.
16 (4) The work group shall develop policy options for
17 implementation of a regulatory framework for automated electrically
18 powered ground-based delivery devices. As a result of its
19 discussions, the work group shall also produce draft legislation. The
20 final report and draft legislation are due to the standing
21 transportation committees of the legislature on December 1, 2019.
22 (5) This section expires January 1, 2020.

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