

23 February 2021

To: Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: Senate Bill 166

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Beyer and Representative McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Senator Boquist and Representative Noble, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 166 and urge you to table it.

The argument of more visibility is probably the driving force behind legislation such as this. But then why stop at day-time headlight use? Using the same premise, if visibility is the issue, the legislature should also require all vehicles to be painted bright *day-glow* colors and particularly prohibit (and of course impose fines on owners of) vehicles whose paint is close to the "colors" of fog, rain, trees, etc. Vehicles should also be required to be conspicuously covered with retro-reflective tape.

Visibility is not just a one-way issue. It is see and - be seen.

The problem is not that vehicles are hard to see. The problem is that some drivers are not paying attention and it is unfortunate the legislature cannot mandate that drivers actually pay attention to what's around them while driving.

There are already enough blindingly bright headlights on during night-time without adding overly bright daylight use as well.

Daylight headlights sounds like a good idea, but it is not the solution.

Sincerely,



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