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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB716

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2016

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 716 proposes the following:

clarifies the law with regards to who has the right of way when bicyclists and pedestrians cross streets while using a path designed for pedestrians and bicyclists.

repeals the 'mandatory sidepath law'. (Sidepath law states whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a highway, a person operating a bicycle shall use such path and shall not use such highway). These types of mandatory use laws are problematic for people on bikes.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Rick Kolowski