

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB39

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2015

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

LB 39 proposes the following:

clarifies that motorists would be required to follow the same passing laws for bikes as they do for cars; using lane markings where applicable, changing lanes to pass if needed, giving no less than three feet of clearance.

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.

Gives people on a bike the right of way when operating lawfully in a crosswalk.

Clarifies that people on bicycles may legally ride two abreast on highway shoulders when it is wide enough to do so.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Kolowski