

# Washington State Autonomous Vehicle Work Group Subcommittee Recommendation Form

<b>Subcommittee</b>	Licensing Subcommittee
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	April 7, 2020
<b>Voting Members Present</b>	27 voting members present

## 1) RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Subcommittee recommends that the first section of RCW 46.37.480 should be repealed.

RCW 46.37.480 *Television viewers—Earphones.*

*(1) No person shall drive any motor vehicle equipped with any television viewer, screen, or other means of visually receiving a television broadcast when the moving images are visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle on a public road, except for live video of the motor vehicle backing up. This subsection does not apply to law enforcement vehicles communicating with mobile computer networks.*

## 2) RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION, CHALLENGES, AND MITIGATION

The AV Licensing subcommittee discussed this RCW, which was originally referred from the AV Safety subcommittee for discussion. This recommendation to repeal addresses that the RCW language is obsolete and out of date and is not widely used by law enforcement in citations as the use of electronic devices in vehicles is already addressed in RCW 46.61.672 and RCW 46.61.673. Repealing this section may also eliminate a potential barrier to advancing autonomous vehicle technology that may be posed by this RCW, including but not limited to, truck platooning. It is the recommendation of both the Safety and Licensing subcommittees that if any future legislation is created on the topic of automated vehicle technology, that this issue is addressed in a separate and distinct RCW.

### Recommended Remedies:

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### Additional Notes:

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## 2) RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION, CHALLENGES, AND MITIGATION

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## 3) REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED

"X" or blank	Type of Change Required	Brief Description of Change Needed
	Cost impact mitigation	
X	Legislative change	Repeal Section (1) of RCW 46.37.480
	Regulatory change	
	Other	

## 4) IDENTIFIED IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACTS

"X" OR BLANK	Impact Area	Description of Implication / Impact
	Infrastructure	
X	Safety	Use of electronic devices in vehicles and dangerously distracted driving will still be prohibited by RCW 46.61.672 and RCW 46.61.673. However, repealing this particular section could remove a perceived barrier to potentially safer driving technologies.
	Insurance	
	Health and livability	
	Environmental	
	Economic	
	Workforce	
	Equitable Access	



#### 4) IDENTIFIED IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACTS

"X" OR BLANK	Impact Area	Description of Implication / Impact
	Other	

#### 5) VOTES

26	Aye
0	Nay
1	Abstained