

TOWING & RECOVERY

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

TRAW Possible Legislative Issues for 2023 Session

Some of these issues can be addressed legislatively in the 2023 legislative session and others administratively. These issues are not listed in order of priority but for discussion purposes for TRAW members and others.

Payment of Towing Charges for Indigent/Low-Income Via Surplus Funds

Accounts (*Prime Sponsor: Rep. David Hackney*)

- House Transportation Staff has been directed to draft the bill

“Blue Light” – Traffic Safety Legislation 2021 & 2022 Bill

- **SB 5907:** Concerning roadside safety measures and public awareness of emergency vehicles providing roadside assistance. (*Prime Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Wilson*)
- **HB 1709:** Addressing safety measures for tow truck operators and vehicles. (*Prime Sponsor: Rep. Ed Orcutt*) – This bill was merged into SB 5907

Credit Card Transaction Fee Bill

- **HB 1954:** Addressing credit and debit card transaction fees. (*Prime Sponsor: Rep. Steve Kirby*)
- There will likely be a single bill addressing all other industries in which credit card fees are absorbed by businesses rather than credit card holder.

Tow Truck Driver/Company Compensation through Priority Insurance Coverage for Towing Charges

- **SB 5406:** Providing compensation for tow truck operators for keeping the public roadways clear. (*Prime Sponsor: Sen. Brad Hawkins*)

“Double Taxation Issue”

- Do we need a bill for 2023 or is this an interpretation issue of current law that we need to educate our members?
- Legislation was passed several years ago with the support of the Department of Revenue and later there were misinterpretations of the intent of the bill.

Servicemen Towing/Reimbursement

- It's said this is an administrative issue to be worked on with DOL or changed at the Federal level through legislation.

Other Items
