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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5240

#### ***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONES AROUND CERTAIN LANDSCAPING VEHICLES WHEN PARKED ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires people who park (or leave stationary) a vehicle with a trailer used for landscaping purposes on a public road to place traffic cones around the vehicle. The cones must comply with and be placed in a way that conforms to the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The bill makes violating this requirement an infraction (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Infractions***

Infractions are punishable by fines, usually set by Superior Court judges, of between \$35 and \$90, plus a \$20 or \$35 surcharge and an additional fee based on the fine's amount. There may also be other applicable charges depending on the type of infraction. For example, certain motor vehicle infractions trigger a Special Transportation Fund surcharge of 50% of the fine. An infraction is not a crime, and violators can pay the fine by mail without making a court appearance.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35      Nay 0      (03/12/2025)