Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislative transportation committee is authorized to conduct the following studies and activities and such other related studies and activities as it deems appropriate, may employ consultants, and shall report findings and recommendations, as appropriate, to the legislature during or prior to the 1979 regular legislative session:

(1) Review local, state, and national needs studies, for the purpose of evaluating the consolidation of such needs studies;

(2) Evaluate the method of collection and administration of special fuel taxes to include, but not be limited to, economies in administration of the tax and evasion of such fuel taxes;

(3) Continue reviewing the interrelationship of state and federal laws and regulations with respect to administering federal programs within the state, including but not limited to, laws affecting right of way and environmental protection, considering alternatives of decentralization of administration and supervision to the state;
(4) Evaluate the Washington state highway cost allocation study and other related literature to determine alterations to the present transportation taxation structure which may improve equity among the various classes of vehicles and users;

(5) Conduct a review of current maritime regulation including, but not limited to:
   (a) The interrelationship of federal and state maritime safety regulations;
   (b) Safety procedures for handling hazardous cargoes;
   (c) Possible sources of funding for waterway safety improvements;
   (d) Current laws regarding vessel accident liability;

(6) In cooperation with the Washington state highway commission, conduct a needs study for a highway crossing the Saddle mountains between Royal City and the Wahluke slope;

(7) In cooperation with the highway commission, evaluate the need to upgrade state route 17, from a junction with state route 97 near Chief Joseph Dam to its southern terminus near Eltopia; such study shall determine the feasibility of improving the alignment so as to make state route 17 the principal north–south corridor through central Washington;

(8) Evaluate the cost impact of granting reciprocity to motor vehicles registered in other states until the expiration of the current registration period;

(9) In cooperation with the utilities and transportation commission, review the regulation of auto transportation companies with particular attention to assigned certificated routes which are not currently being served;

(10) Develop policies, procedures, and criteria to be used by the legislature to determine relative priorities for use of state motor vehicle fund revenues by state agencies, counties, and cities, including development of alternative methods of financing activities of the Washington state patrol which are currently appropriated from the motor vehicle fund;

(11) Evaluate operations of the Washington state ferry system including toll structure, scheduling practices, vessel acquisition, and terminal facilities, to promote more efficient utilization of state ferry vessels;

(12) Evaluate the desirability and feasibility of developing a state-wide transportation marketing plan. The evaluation shall consider, but not be limited to, the desirability of publishing a state transportation guide, coordination between public and private transit operations, the role of the state in implementing such a plan, and case studies of marketing techniques which can be undertaken by large and small public and private transit operators;

(13) Examine alternative methods of reducing traffic congestion, including participation in demonstration projects to increase vehicle occupancy, and/or to stagger working hours, for the public in general and of state employees in particular;

(14) Perform an analysis of statutes that must be amended or repealed, and the identification and definition of revenue sources that may be varied in order to achieve uniformity with other member states and ensure equity of prevailing transportation rates as the result of implementation of the international registration plan;
(15) Continue research into the most feasible economic means to provide convenient and reliable single-stop service for permit issuance to intrastate and interstate commercial vehicles;

(16) Determine the most effective means to coordinate and implement statewide bicycle safety instruction from among the various programs of federal, state, and local agencies, and interested professional and citizen's groups;

(17) Determine the need for realignment of state route 20 between Sedro Wooley and state route 5. Such study shall include route selection and cost analysis of various alternatives. The results of said study shall be reported to the legislature by January 30, 1978;

(18) Review statutes related to transportation and make recommendations for the rewrite of certain statutes or the repeal of obsolete or temporary provisions;

(19) Perform a comprehensive study to determine the feasibility of submitting and appropriating future highway commission capital budgets on the basis of total contract costs (obligations), as opposed to the current practice of budgeting expenditures for only one biennium;

(20) Evaluate the statutory route designation of state route 20 between Okanogan and Tonasket;

(21) Review state involvement in aviation including:
   (a) The taxation structure for commercial and third-level air carriers, and for general aviation;
   (b) The need for third-level air carrier regulations including route certification, service levels, and fair standardization;
   (c) The availability of adequate funding for necessary local airport improvements; and
   (d) The need for a policy by which the aeronautics commission, or the department of transportation if it is created, can prevent the construction of or remove structures which pose a hazard to the flight of aircraft;

(22) Continue to develop policies and guidelines for biennial state highway commission review of highways with respect to whether sections should be added to or deleted from the state highway system; said study shall include reevaluation of all designated routes, whether or not constructed with recommendations on specific routes whose statutory designation as state routes should be reaffirmed;

(23) Study the size and weight laws of commercial vehicles of this state and other western states with the view toward achieving uniformity where the best interest of our state would be served;

(24) Perform a study to determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of asphalt-rubber membranes for application in highway construction;

(25) Determine the need for realignment and/or upgrading of state route 530 between Arlington and Darrington;

(26) Determine the need for improvements to state route 509 in view of increased marine vessel activity at the Port of Tacoma;

(27) Review driver licensing procedures within the department of motor vehicles including, but not limited to:
   (a) The present lack of the use of the point system and the establishment of the new system;
(b) The effectiveness of methods of current practices for license suspension or removal and subsequent driver rehabilitation program;
(c) Changes that have occurred in the past several years making it difficult (through courts or legislation) to administer restrictive programs or penalties;
(d) Maintenance of accident records and release of those records to insurance companies;
(28) Survey court decisions within the state of Washington relating to motor vehicle laws, including:
(a) The concurrence or disregard of present motor vehicle laws, especially mandatory laws by the counties;
(b) A study of the other decisions affecting the drinking driver laws, including juvenile court practices and decisions affecting young drivers;
(29) Review current state and federal standards on motor vehicle equipment and motor vehicle modifications and make recommendations for changes which will promote highway safety;
(30) Review existing environmental legislation which affects the construction of public works projects to formulate effective alternative relief for the enforcement of such laws other than the use of temporary or permanent injunctions or other stays which result in the delay of such projects. The study shall further consider effective means of recovering losses sustained by taxpayers as the result of construction delays caused by improvidently granted injunctions or stays;
(31) Review, in cooperation with Metro, other public transit agencies in the state of Washington, and the urban mass transportation administration methods of improving public transit through value capture financing;
(32) Continue review of the statutes relating to regulation of common carriers, and an examination of whether the public interest is being best served through such regulation;
(33) Review, in cooperation with the department of highways, the statutes relating to outdoor advertising, and examine existing public policy relating to scenic and recreational highways;
(34) Examine the need for advertising on school bus shelters as a means of paying the cost of such shelters;
(35) Participate, in cooperation with the state department of transportation, if one is created, in the rail studies authorized by the Amtrak improvement act of 1974 and the railroad revitalization and regulatory reform act of 1976;
(36) Examine, in cooperation with public transit agencies of the state, a coordinated method of funding public transit systems;
(37) Undertake a pilot project of the effectiveness of a bus service to the East Olympia railroad station. The study shall examine the effect on railroad ridership of having bus service available for Olympia patrons;
(38) A study of the use of jitneys or vanpools, particularly in rural areas, as a means of complementing public transit systems;
(39) Conduct a comparison cost–benefit study on means of reducing vehicle noise levels by (a) vehicle emission controls and (b) the construction of noise attenuation devices or structures at roadside. The study shall consider four representative sites on state highways, including one on state route 405 in the vicinity of
Norwood Village. In developing the cost and effectiveness of vehicle emission controls, the committee shall use any prior studies so as to avoid duplication of effort;

(40) Study the feasibility of improving intercity rail passenger and connecting bus service. The committee may enter into contracts for the purpose of providing connecting bus service to selected train depots and such other services which are deemed to be useful in preparing the feasibility study;

(41) Review the quality of landscaping adjacent to state highways as well as the role of the landscape architect in highway planning, in cooperation with the state department of transportation, if one is created;

(42) Examine the need for the state to encourage broader utilization of the metric system on signs along the state highway system;

(43) Review in cooperation with the department of highways and, if deemed appropriate, develop revisions of the existing priority programming laws now codified in chapter 47.05 RCW which will assure that in the long and short term allocation of available construction funds adequate consideration is given to the lack of feasible alternative modes of transportation to the private automobile within many of the rural, suburban, and small urban areas of the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following studies shall be undertaken with the concurrence of the legislative transportation committee:

(1) The Washington state highway commission is hereby authorized to prioritize the needs among, and provide for the installation of, emergency traffic control devices at rural fire district stations in consultation with the legislative transportation committee and the house and senate transportation committees. In developing the priorities for funding such control devices, the commission shall consider the recommendations of the county road administration board, the traffic safety commission, and the Washington fire commissioners.

(2) The Washington state highway commission is hereby directed to conduct a study of the potential need for and the engineering, social, economic, environmental, and financial feasibility of a third bridge across the Columbia river between Clark county, Washington, and Oregon.

Said study shall include forecasts and analyses of regional population growth trends as well as traffic growth trends. It shall further evaluate the feasibility of various potential locations for such a bridge, and its potential as a corridor for public transportation.

The highway commission and the department of highways shall make every effort to obtain the cooperation of the Oregon transportation commission, the Oregon department of transportation, and the Columbia region association of governments in conducting said study.

The final study results shall be reported to the forty-sixth legislature in January, 1979; periodic progress reports shall be made to the legislative transportation committee and the house and senate transportation committees at their request.

(3) The Washington state highway commission is hereby directed to conduct a feasibility study of the construction of a toll bridge across the Columbia river in the vicinity of the northern part of Richland so as to permit a highway connection between state route 240 and federal aid interstate 182 near Pasco.
The study shall be conducted in conjunction with the Tri-Cities metropolitan area transportation study and will utilize traffic projections based upon the latest population and employment data update scheduled for completion by June, 1977.

A report shall be submitted to the legislative transportation committee and the house and senate transportation committees by January 1, 1979.

(4) The Washington state highway commission is authorized and directed to conduct a study of the need to construct a bypass of the Woodinville community on state route 202 near Northeast 190th and Northeast 195th in King county.

The commission is directed to complete the study and submit its findings to the legislature on or before December 31, 1978.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The planning and community affairs agency, or the state department of transportation, if one is created, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a market analysis on the feasibility of extending passenger service within and beyond the boundaries of the state and of the desirability of entering into a contract with the national railroad passenger corporation for such extended service. The agency or department shall submit the feasibility analysis to the national railroad passenger corporation by October 15, 1977, and report to the 1978 session of the legislature its recommendations for further action.

Sec. 4. Section 7, chapter 120, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 36.78.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The county road administration board shall:
(1) Establish by regulation, standards of good practice for county road administration.
(2) Establish reporting requirements for counties with respect to the standards of good practice adopted by the board.
(3) Receive and review reports from counties and reports of the county road administration engineer to determine compliance with legislative directives and the standards of good practice adopted by the board.
(4) Report annually on the first day of July to the state highway commission, the legislative transportation committee, and the house and senate transportation committees on the status of county road administration in each county. The annual report shall contain recommendations for improving administration of the county road programs.

Sec. 5. Section 36, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The committee is authorized and directed to continue its studies and for that purpose shall have the powers set forth in chapter 111, Laws of 1947. The committee is further authorized to make studies related to bills assigned to the house and senate transportation committees and such other studies as provided by law. The executive committee of the committee may assign responsibility for all or part of the conduct of studies to the house and/or senate transportation committees.

Sec. 6. Section 2, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 19, chapter 293, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.025 are each amended to read as follows:
In addition to the powers and duties authorized in RCW 44.40.020 the committee and the standing committees on transportation of the house and senate shall, in coordination with the legislative budget committee, the senate ways and means committee, the house committee on revenue, and the house committee on appropriations, ascertain, study, and/or analyze all available facts and matters relating or pertaining to sources of revenue, appropriations, expenditures, and financial condition of the motor vehicle fund and accounts thereof, the highway safety fund, and all other funds or accounts related to transportation programs of the state.

Sec. 7. Section 38, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.030 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to the powers and duties heretofore conferred upon it, the legislative transportation committee may participate in: (1) The activities of committees of the council of state governments concerned with transportation activities; (2) activities of the national committee on uniform traffic laws and ordinances; (and) (3) any interstate reciprocity or proration meetings designated by the Washington reciprocity commission; and (4) such other organizations as it deems necessary and appropriate.

Sec. 8. Section 39, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The members of the legislative transportation committee and the house and senate transportation committees shall receive allowances while attending meetings of the committees or subcommittees and while engaged in other authorized business of the committees as provided in RCW 44.04.120 as now or hereafter amended. All expenses incurred by the committee, and the house and senate transportation committees, including salaries of employees of the legislative transportation committee, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the office of program planning and fiscal management and signed by the chairman or vice chairman or authorized designee of the chairman of the committee, and the authority of said chairman or vice chairman to sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are selected. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated for the expenses of the committee.

Sec. 9. Section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Prior to October 1 of each even-numbered year all state agencies whose major programs consist of transportation activities, including the state highway commission, the toll bridge authority, the urban arterial board, the Washington state patrol, the department of motor vehicles, the traffic safety commission, the county road administration board, and the aeronautics commission, shall adopt or revise after consultation with the legislative transportation committee, and/or senate and house transportation committees, a long range plan of not less than six years and a comprehensive six-year program and financial plan for all transportation activities under each agency’s jurisdiction.
The long range plan shall state the general objectives and needs of each agency's major transportation programs.

The comprehensive six-year program and financial plan shall be prepared in consonance with the long range plan and shall identify that portion of the long range plan to be accomplished within the succeeding six-year period.

Sec. 10. Section 2, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Powers and duties enumerated by this chapter shall be delegated to the senate and house transportation ((and-utilities)) committees during periods when the legislative transportation committee is not appointed.

Sec. 11. Section 3, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 7, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative transportation committee and/or the senate and house transportation ((and-utilities)) committees may enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the purposes of ((this 1975 act [1975 1st ex. s. c 268] and)) chapter 44.40 RCW as amended; and it or they may act for the state in the initiation of or participation in any multigovernmental program relative to transportation planning or programming; and it or they may enter into contracts to receive federal or other funds, grants, or gifts to carry out said purposes and to be used in preference to or in combination with state funds. When federal or other funds are received, they shall be deposited with the state treasurer and thereafter expended only upon approval by the committee or committees.

Sec. 12. Section 2, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.120 are each amended to read as follows:

The house and senate transportation ((and-utilities)) committees shall periodically review the six-year comprehensive plans submitted by cities and counties for expenditures for bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian facilities prepared pursuant to ((Senate Bill No. 2348), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess)) RCW 35.77.010 and 36.81.121.

Sec. 13. Section 47.01.220, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 3, chapter 12, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 47.01.220 are each amended to read as follows:

The state highway commission shall report to the legislature through the legislative transportation committee and senate and house transportation ((and-utilities)) committees on the highway needs of the state.

Sec. 14. Section 1, chapter 167, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 47.02.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The Washington state highway commission is authorized in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and RCW 79.24.500 through 79.24.600 to provide for the acquisition of land and the construction of buildings, laboratories and facilities on the east capitol site for the use of the Washington state highway commission and the department of highways and to finance payment thereof by bonds payable out of special funds from the proceeds of state excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels, or by gifts, bequests or grants or by such additional funds as the legislature may provide. ((Before start of construction the plans shall be submitted to the state

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capitol committee for approval and to the joint committee on highways for its advice.))

Sec. 15. Section 4, chapter 173, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 3, chapter 143, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.05.040 are each amended to read as follows:

1) Prior to October 1 of each even-numbered year, the state highway commission shall adopt and thereafter shall biennially revise after consultation with the legislative transportation committee and senate and house transportation (and utilities) committees a comprehensive six year program and financial plan for highway construction, maintenance, and planning activities.

2) The highway construction program for the ensuing six years shall allocate to category A improvements as a whole, and then to each of the five functional classes of state highways, that percentage of the estimated available construction funds as will be necessary to accomplish the commission's long range plan for highway improvements. The commission shall then apportion the available category A construction funds, according to functional class, among the several highway districts in the proportion that the estimated remaining category A improvement needs for each functional class of highway within each highway district bears to the total of such estimated needs for each functional class remaining unsatisfied throughout the state.

3) The commission shall allocate to category B improvements for the ensuing six years, the estimated available federal aid interstate funds and state matching funds as necessary to accomplish the commission's long range plan for category B highway improvements throughout the state.

4) The commission shall allocate to category C improvements for the ensuing six years, the remaining estimated available construction funds to accomplish to the extent possible the commission's long range plan for category C highway improvements throughout the state.

Sec. 16. Section 171, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as amended by section 26, chapter 73, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 47.17.850 are each amended to read as follows:

A state highway to be known as state route number 906 is established as follows:

Beginning at a junction with state route number 90 at the West Summit interchange of Snoqualmie Pass, thence along the alignment of the state route number 90 as it existed on May 11, 1967 in a southeasterly direction to a junction with state route number 90 at the Hyak interchange.

The (joint committee on highways) legislative transportation committee, the house and senate transportation committees, and the Washington state highway commission shall undertake appropriate studies to evaluate state route number 906 to determine whether or not it should permanently remain on the state system.

Sec. 17. Section 22, chapter 83, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 291, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 47.26.160 are each amended to read as follows:

The urban arterial board shall:
(1) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter relating to the allocation of funds in the urban arterial trust account of the motor vehicle fund to counties and cities.

(2) Adopt reasonably uniform design standards for city and county arterials which meet the requirements for urban development.

(3) Report biennially on the first day of November of the even-numbered years to the state highway commission, the legislative transportation committee, and the house and senate transportation committees regarding progress of cities and counties in developing long range plans for their urban arterial construction and programming or urban arterial construction work and the allocation of urban arterial trust funds to the cities and counties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. There is hereby appropriated from the aeronautics account of the general fund to the legislative transportation committee, for the biennium ending June 30, 1979, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section 1(21) of this 1977 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. The following acts or parts of acts are each hereby repealed effective June 30, 1977:

(1) Section 4, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess., section 1, chapter 2, Laws of 1975, section 8, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.110;

(2) Section 5, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.125;

(3) Section 6, chapter 268, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.130;

(4) Section 57, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 47.16.220;

(5) Section 2, chapter 267, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.20.662;

(6) Section 1, chapter 149, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 47.60.510; and

(7) Section 2, chapter 149, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 47.60.520.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 236
[Reengrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2527]
LEASED OR RENTED MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, OR MOTOR VEHICLES—CRIMINAL POSSESSION—PENALTIES

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles and leased machinery and equipment; adding a new section to chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and to chapter 9A.56 RCW; repealing section 9A.56.090, chapter 260, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 9A.56.090; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: