

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. There is added to chapter 48.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) No group disability insurance policy which provides benefits for hospital, medical, or surgical expenses shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state after the effective date of this 1975 act which contains any provision whereby the insurer may reduce or refuse to pay such benefits otherwise payable thereunder solely on account of the existence of similar benefits provided under any individual disability insurance policy, or under any individual health care service contract.

(2) No group disability insurance policy providing hospital, medical or surgical expense benefits and which contains a provision for the reduction of benefits otherwise payable thereunder on the basis of other existing coverages, shall provide that such reduction will operate to reduce total benefits payable below an amount equal to one hundred percent of total allowable expenses. The commissioner shall by rule establish guidelines for the application of this section, including: (a) The procedures by which persons insured under such policies are to be made aware of the existence of such a provision; (b) the benefits which may be subject to such a provision; (c) the effect of such a provision on the benefits provided; (d) establishment of the order of benefit determination; and (e) reasonable claim administration procedures to expedite claim payments under such a provision.

(3) The provisions of this section shall apply to health care service contractor contracts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. If any provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 267

[House Bill No. 587]

### DUWAMISH WATERWAY CROSSING STUDY—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to transportation development; creating new sections; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature hereby recognizes that the well being of Washington citizens depends upon a sound and viable economic base; that the state of Washington is significantly involved in the maritime industry; that the Seattle area is an important contributor to the state's economy, and that the location of additional maritime and related industry in the Seattle area is desirable.

The legislature also recognizes that the lower Duwamish waterway in Seattle represents a high potential for increased maritime activity and resulting employment opportunities.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Washington State Highway Commission the sum of \$150,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the Motor Vehicle Fund to study the following issues regarding the proposed improved crossing of the Duwamish waterway to West Seattle;

(1) Feasibility of placing the corridor currently identified as the West Seattle freeway corridor, connecting West Seattle to Interstate 5, on the state highway system.

(2) Evaluation of existing studies regarding the proposed high-level crossings of the Duwamish waterway, or conduct additional studies as the commission deems appropriate, to determine the approximate amount of funds required for the construction of a high-level crossing of the Duwamish waterway.

(3) Identification of the principal groups or agencies benefiting from the construction of a high-level crossing of the Duwamish waterway and alternative methods of permitting such groups to participate in project costs including, but not limited to, user tolls or local improvement district assessments.

(4) Identification and analysis of sources of federal, state, and local revenues that may be available for transportation or economic development purposes that could be utilized for such high-level crossing.

(5) Recommended changes in legislation to permit the expeditious design and construction of such high-level crossing upon receipt of funding.

(6) Recommendation of an appropriate agency to administer the design and construction of such crossing.

The highway commission shall report its finding and recommendations to the House and Senate transportation and utilities committees not later than July 1, 1976.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. The Washington State Highway Commission shall be advised in its study of the West Seattle freeway corridor, provided for in Section 2 of the 1975 act, by, but not limited to, the chief executive, or his designee, of the Port of Seattle, the Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the municipality of metropolitan Seattle, and the city of Seattle and such other persons, jurisdictions and agencies affected by the future development of the project as the commission deems appropriate.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. Urban arterial trust funds initially authorized by the state urban arterial board in the 1967-69 biennium for specific projects in cities over 300,000 population, as last determined by the office of program planning and fiscal management, shall remain obligated to such projects for the period through June 30, 1977 unless such project is earlier withdrawn or abandoned by the sponsoring city. This continued obligation of urban arterial trust funds shall be terminated for any project if the sponsoring city earlier provides written notice of withdrawal or abandonment of the project to the urban arterial board or if the city acts to expend any other funds, exclusive of the required matching funds, which have heretofore been allocated or set aside to pay a part of the costs of such project.

After the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, no additional urban arterial trust funds shall be expended for conceptual or feasibility studies of any project initially authorized prior to June 30, 1969 in a city of over 300,000 population, but such limitation shall not apply to the cost of preparing final plans, specifications and estimates or other contract documents required to advertise the project for competitive bids for its construction.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1975 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.

Passed the House June 8, 1975.

Passed the Senate June 7, 1975.

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## CHAPTER 268

[Substitute House Bill No. 860]

### LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

AN ACT Relating to transportation studies; amending section 36, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.020; amending section 39, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.040; amending section 3, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.100; amending section 4, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 2, Laws of 1975 and RCW 44.40.110; adding new sections to chapter 44.40 RCW; creating new sections; repealing section 8, chapter 85, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 18, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.026; repealing section 19, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.060; repealing section 5, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); repealing section 6, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); and repealing section 7, chapter 210, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 36, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 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 and utilities 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 and utilities committees.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 44.40 RCW a new section 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 chapter \_\_\_\_ (Senate Bill No. 2348), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess.

Sec. 3. Section 39, chapter 3, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 195, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 44.40.040 are each amended to read as follows: