# CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

# ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5513

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President of the Senate	the attached is <b>ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5513</b> as passed by the Senate
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1 ACT Relating to restructuring of certain transportation 2 agencies; amending RCW 43.17.020, 47.01.041, 47.01.061, 47.01.071, 47.05.021, 47.05.030, 47.05.035, 47.05.051, 44.75.020, 44.75.030, 3 44.75.040, 44.75.050, 44.75.080, 44.75.090, 44.75.100, 44.75.110, 4 5 44.75.120, 44.28.161, 35.58.2796, 36.78.070, 41.40.037, 43.10.101, 43.79.270, 43.79.280, 43.88.020, 43.88.030, 43.88.230, 43.105.160, 6 7 43.105.190, 44.04.260, 44.28.088, 44.40.025, 46.01.320, 46.01.325, 46.16.705, 46.16.715, 46.16.725, 46.73.010, 47.01.280, 47.04.210, 8 9 47.04.220, 47.06.110, 47.06A.020, 47.10.790, 47.10.801, 47.10.802, 47.17.850, 47.26.167, 47.26.170, 47.46.030, 47.46.040, 79A.05.125, 10 81.80.395, 81.104.110, 82.33.020, 82.70.060, and 82.80.070; reenacting 11 12 and amending RCW 47.01.101 and 90.03.525; adding new sections to chapter 47.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; adding a 13 14 new section to chapter 43.88 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 44.40.120 and 44.40.025; repealing RCW 44.40.010, 44.40.013, 15 44.40.015, 44.40.030, 44.40.040, 44.40.090, 44.40.140, 44.40.150, 16 44.40.161, 53.08.350, 44.40.020, 44.40.070, 44.40.080, 44.40.100, 17 46.23.040, 47.01.145, 47.05.090, 47.12.360, 47.76.340, 47.74.010, and 18 47.74.020; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and 19 20 declaring an emergency.

#### 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

2 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that it is in the 3 interest of the state to restructure the roles and responsibilities of 4 the state's transportation agencies in order to improve efficiency and accountability. The legislature also finds that continued citizen 5 oversight of the state's transportation system remains an important 6 7 To achieve these purposes, the legislature intends to 8 provide direct accountability of the department of transportation to the governor, in his or her role as chief executive officer of state 9 10 government, by making the secretary of transportation a cabinet-level official. Additionally, it is essential to clearly delineate between 11 the separate and distinct roles and responsibilities of the executive 12 and legislative branches of government. The role of executive is to 13 oversee the implementation of transportation programs, while the 14 15 legislature reserves to itself the role of policymaking. 16 consolidating public outreach and auditing of transportation agencies under a single citizen-governed entity, the 17 transportation commission, will provide the public with information 18 19 about the performance of the transportation system and an avenue for direct participation in its oversight. 20

### Departmental Governance

Sec. 2. RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the director of general administration, (9) the director of community, trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs, (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems, (13) the secretary of corrections, ((and)) (14) the secretary of health, and (15) the director of financial institutions.

Such officers, except the ((secretary of transportation and the))

director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with

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- 1 the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the
- 2 governor. ((The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the
- 3 transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041.)) The
- 4 director of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and
- 5 wildlife commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

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6 Sec. 3. RCW 47.01.041 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 53 s 28 are each 7 amended to read as follows:

The executive head of the department of transportation shall be the 8 9 secretary of transportation, who shall be appointed by the ((transportation commission)) governor with the advice and consent of 10 11 the senate, and shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the governor in 12 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040. The secretary shall be an ex officio member of the transportation commission without a 13 ((The secretary shall be the chief executive officer of the 14 15 commission and be responsible to it, and shall be guided by policies 16 established by it.)) The secretary shall serve ((until removed by the 17 commission, but only for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or failure to carry out the commission's 18 policies. Before a motion for dismissal shall be acted on by the 19 20 commission, the secretary shall be granted a hearing on formal written charges before the full commission. An action by the commission to 21 remove the secretary shall be final)) at the pleasure of the governor. 22

- Sec. 4. RCW 47.01.061 and 1987 c 364 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The commission shall meet at such times as it deems advisable but at least once every month. It may adopt its own rules and regulations and may establish its own procedure. It shall act collectively in harmony with recorded resolutions or motions adopted by majority vote of at least four members. The commission may appoint an administrative secretary, and shall elect one of its members chairman for a term of one year. The chairman shall be able to vote on all matters before the commission. The commission may from time to time retain planners, consultants, and other technical personnel to advise it in the performance of its duties.
- 35 (2) The commission shall submit to each regular session of the

- legislature held in an odd-numbered year its own budget proposal necessary for the commission's operations separate from that proposed for the department.
- (3) Each member of the commission shall be compensated 4 accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and shall be reimbursed for actual 5 necessary traveling and other expenses in going to, attending, and 6 7 returning from meetings of the commission, and actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties 8 as may be requested by a majority vote of the commission or by the 9 10 secretary of transportation, but in no event shall a commissioner be compensated in any year for more than one hundred twenty days, except 11 12 the chairman of the commission who may be paid compensation for not 13 more than one hundred fifty days. Service on the commission shall not 14 be considered as service credit for the purposes of any public 15 retirement system.
- 16 <u>(4) Each member of the commission shall disclose any actual or</u> 17 <u>potential conflict of interest, if applicable under the circumstance,</u> 18 regarding any commission business.
- 19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.01.071 and 1981 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- The transportation commission shall have the following functions, powers, and duties:
  - (1) To propose policies to be adopted by the <u>governor and the</u> legislature designed to assure the development and maintenance of a comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system which will meet the needs of the people of this state for safe and efficient transportation services. Wherever appropriate the policies shall provide for the use of integrated, intermodal transportation systems to implement the social, economic, and environmental policies, goals, and objectives of the people of the state, and especially to conserve nonrenewable natural resources including land and energy. To this end the commission shall:
- 33 (a) Develop transportation policies which are based on the 34 policies, goals, and objectives expressed and inherent in existing 35 state laws;
- 36 (b) Inventory the adopted policies, goals, and objectives of the 37 local and area-wide governmental bodies of the state and define the

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role of the state, regional, and local governments in determining transportation policies, in transportation planning, and in implementing the state transportation plan;

- (c) Propose a transportation policy for the state((, and after notice and public hearings, submit the proposal to the legislative transportation committee and the senate and house transportation committees by January 1, 1978, for consideration in the next legislative session));
- (d) Establish a procedure for review and revision of the state transportation policy and for submission of proposed changes to the governor and the legislature;
- (e) To integrate the statewide transportation plan with the needs of the elderly and handicapped, and to coordinate federal and state programs directed at assisting local governments to answer such needs;
- (2) ((To establish the policy of the department to be followed by the secretary on each of the following items:
- (a))) To provide for the effective coordination of state transportation planning with national transportation policy, state and local land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans and programs;
- ((\(\frac{(\frac{(b)}{(b)})}{(3)}\) In conjunction with the provisions under section 6 of this act, to provide for public involvement in transportation designed to elicit the public's views both with respect to adequate transportation services and appropriate means of minimizing adverse social, economic, environmental, and energy impact of transportation programs;
- (((c) To provide for the administration of grants in aid and other financial assistance to counties and municipal corporations for transportation purposes;
- (d) To provide for the management, sale, and lease of property or property rights owned by the department which are not required for transportation purposes;
- (3))) (4) To ((direct the secretary to)) prepare ((and submit to the commission)) a comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation plan which shall be based on the transportation policy adopted by the governor and the legislature and applicable state and federal laws. ((After public notice and hearings, the commission shall adopt the plan and submit it to the legislative transportation committee and to the

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- 1 house and senate standing committees on transportation before January
- 2 1, 1980, for consideration in the 1980 regular legislative session.))
- 3 The plan shall be reviewed and revised, and submitted to the governor
- 4 and the house of representatives and senate standing committees on
- 5 <u>transportation</u>, prior to each regular session of the legislature during
- 6 an even-numbered year thereafter. ((A preliminary plan shall be
- 7 submitted to such committees by January 1, 1979.))
- 8 The plan shall take into account federal law and regulations 9 relating to the planning, construction, and operation of transportation 10 facilities;
- $((\frac{4}{1}))$  (5) To propose to the governor and the legislature prior to the convening of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year a recommended budget for the operations of the commission as required by RCW 47.01.061;
  - (((5) To approve and propose to the governor and to the legislature prior to the convening of each regular session during an odd numbered year a recommended budget for the operation of the department and for carrying out the program of the department for the ensuing biennium. The proposed budget shall separately state the appropriations to be made from the motor vehicle fund for highway purposes in accordance with constitutional limitations and appropriations and expenditures to be made from the general fund, or accounts thereof, and other available sources for other operations and programs of the department;
  - (6) To review and authorize all departmental requests for legislation;
    - (7))) (6) To approve the issuance and sale of all bonds authorized by the legislature for capital construction of state highways, toll facilities, Columbia Basin county roads (for which reimbursement to the motor vehicle fund has been provided), urban arterial projects, and aviation facilities;
- (((8))) (7) To adopt such rules, regulations, and policy directives as may be necessary to carry out reasonably and properly those functions expressly vested in the commission by statute;
- ((<del>(9)</del> To delegate any of its powers to the secretary of transportation whenever it deems it desirable for the efficient administration of the department and consistent with the purposes of this title;

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- (10)) (8) To contract with the office of financial management or other appropriate state agencies for administrative support, accounting services, computer services, and other support services necessary to carry out its other statutory duties;
  - (9) To exercise such other specific powers and duties as may be vested in the transportation commission by this or any other provision of law.

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- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW 9 to read as follows:
  - (1) The transportation commission shall provide a forum for the development of transportation policy in Washington state. It may recommend to the secretary of transportation, the governor, and the legislature means for obtaining appropriate citizen and professional involvement in all transportation policy formulation and other matters related to the powers and duties of the department. It may further hold hearings and explore ways to improve the mobility of the citizenry. At least every five years, the commission shall convene regional forums to gather citizen input on transportation issues.
  - (2) Every two years, in coordination with the development of the state biennial budget, the commission shall prepare the statewide multimodal transportation progress report that outlines the transportation priorities of the ensuing biennium. The report must:
    - (a) Consider the citizen input gathered at the forums;
  - (b) Be developed with the assistance of state transportation-related agencies and organizations;
  - (c) Be developed with the input from state, local, and regional jurisdictions, transportation service providers, and key transportation stakeholders;
  - (d) Be considered by the secretary of transportation and other state transportation-related agencies in preparing proposed agency budgets and executive request legislation;
  - (e) Be submitted by the commission to the governor by October 1st of each even-numbered year for consideration by the governor.
- 34 (3) In fulfilling its responsibilities under this section, the 35 commission may create ad hoc committees or other such committees of 36 limited duration as necessary.

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- 1 (4) In order to promote a better transportation system, the 2 commission shall offer policy guidance and make recommendations to the 3 governor and the legislature in key issue areas, including but not 4 limited to:
  - (a) Transportation finance;

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- 6 (b) Preserving, maintaining, and operating the statewide 7 transportation system;
  - (c) Transportation infrastructure needs;
- 9 (d) Promoting best practices for adoption and use by 10 transportation-related agencies and programs;
- 11 (e) Transportation efficiencies that will improve service delivery 12 and/or coordination;
- 13 (f) Improved planning and coordination among transportation 14 agencies and providers; and
- 15 (g) Use of intelligent transportation systems and other 16 technology-based solutions.
- 17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 47.01.101 and 1987 c 505 s 48 and 1987 c 179 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- The secretary shall have the authority and it shall be his or her duty((, subject to policy guidance from the commission)):
  - (1) To serve as chief executive officer of the department with full administrative authority to direct all its activities;
    - (2) To organize the department as he or she may deem necessary to carry out the work and responsibilities of the department effectively;
    - (3) To designate and establish such transportation district or branch offices as may be necessary or convenient, and to appoint assistants and delegate any powers, duties, and functions to them or any officer or employee of the department as deemed necessary to administer the department efficiently;
    - (4) To direct and coordinate the programs of the various divisions of the department to assure that they achieve the greatest possible mutual benefit, produce a balanced overall effort, and eliminate unnecessary duplication of activity;
- 34 (5) To adopt all department rules that are subject to the adoption 35 procedures contained in the state administrative procedure act, except 36 rules subject to adoption by the commission pursuant to statute;

(6) To maintain and safeguard the official records of the department, including the commission's recorded resolutions and orders;

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- (7) To provide, under contract or interagency agreement, full staff support to the commission to assist it in carrying out its functions, powers, and duties ((and to execute the policy established by the commission pursuant to its legislative authority));
- (8) To execute and implement the biennial operating budget for the operation of the department in accordance with chapter 43.88 RCW and with legislative appropriation ((and, in such manner as prescribed therein, to make and report to the commission and the chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, including one copy to the staff of each of the committees, deviations from the planned biennial category A and H highway construction programs necessary to adjust to unexpected delays or other unanticipated circumstances.));
- 16 (9) <u>To advise the governor and the legislature with respect to</u>
  17 <u>matters under the jurisdiction of the department; and</u>
- 18 <u>(10)</u> To exercise all other powers and perform all other duties as 19 are now or hereafter provided by law.
- **Sec. 8.** RCW 47.05.021 and 2002 c 56 s 301 are each amended to read 21 as follows:
  - (1) The ((transportation commission is hereby directed to)) department shall conduct periodic analyses of the entire state highway system, report ((thereon)) to the commission and the chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives, ((including one copy to the staff of each of the committees, biennially and based thereon,)) any subsequent recommendations to subdivide, classify, and subclassify ((according to their function and importance)) all designated state highways ((and those added from time to time and periodically review and revise the classifications)) into the following three functional classes:
  - (a) The "principal arterial system" shall consist of a connected network of rural arterial routes with appropriate extensions into and through urban areas, including all routes designated as part of the interstate system, which serve corridor movements having travel characteristics indicative of substantial statewide and interstate travel;

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- (b) The "minor arterial system" shall, in conjunction with the principal arterial system, form a rural network of arterial routes linking cities and other activity centers which generate long distance travel, and, with appropriate extensions into and through urban areas, form an integrated network providing interstate and interregional service; and
  - (c) The "collector system" shall consist of routes which primarily serve the more important intercounty, intracounty, and intraurban travel corridors, collect traffic from the system of local access roads and convey it to the arterial system, and on which, regardless of traffic volume, the predominant travel distances are shorter than on arterial routes.
  - (2) ((In making the functional classification)) The transportation commission shall adopt ((and)) a functional classification of highways. The commission shall consider the recommendations of the department and testimony from the public and local municipalities. The commission shall give consideration to criteria consistent with this section and federal regulations relating to the functional classification of highways, including but not limited to the following:
- 20 (a) Urban population centers within and without the state 21 stratified and ranked according to size;
  - (b) Important traffic generating economic activities, including but not limited to recreation, agriculture, government, business, and industry;
  - (c) Feasibility of the route, including availability of alternate routes within and without the state;
- 27 (d) Directness of travel and distance between points of economic 28 importance;
  - (e) Length of trips;
  - (f) Character and volume of traffic;
- 31 (g) Preferential consideration for multiple service which shall include public transportation;
  - (h) Reasonable spacing depending upon population density; and
- 34 (i) System continuity.
- 35 (3) The transportation commission or the legislature shall 36 designate state highways of statewide significance under RCW 47.06.140. 37 If the commission designates a state highway of statewide significance, 38 it shall submit a list of such facilities for adoption by the

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legislature. This statewide system shall include at a minimum interstate highways and other statewide principal arterials that are needed to connect major communities across the state and support the state's economy.

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- (4) The transportation commission shall designate a freight and goods transportation system. This statewide system shall include state highways, county roads, and city streets. The commission, in cooperation with cities and counties, shall review and make recommendations to the legislature regarding policies governing weight restrictions and road closures which affect the transportation of freight and goods.
- 12 **Sec. 9.** RCW 47.05.030 and 2002 c 5 s 402 are each amended to read 13 as follows:

14 The transportation commission shall adopt a comprehensive ((sixyear)) ten-year investment program specifying program objectives and 15 16 performance measures for the preservation and improvement programs defined in this section. The adopted ten-year investment program must 17 be forwarded as a recommendation to the governor and the legislature. 18 In the specification of investment program objectives and performance 19 20 measures, the transportation commission, in consultation with the 21 Washington state department of transportation, shall define and adopt standards for effective programming and prioritization practices 22 23 including a needs analysis process. The analysis process must ensure 24 the identification of problems and deficiencies, the evaluation of alternative solutions and trade-offs, and estimations of the costs and 25 26 benefits of prospective projects. The investment program must be 27 revised ((biennially, effective on July 1st of odd-numbered years)) based on directions by the office of financial management. 28 29 investment program must be based upon the needs identified in the state-owned highway component of the statewide transportation plan as 30 31 defined in RCW 47.01.071(3).

- (1) The preservation program consists of those investments necessary to preserve the existing state highway system and to restore existing safety features, giving consideration to lowest life cycle costing. The preservation program must require use of the most costeffective pavement surfaces, considering:
  - (a) Life-cycle cost analysis;

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- 2 (c) Subgrade soil conditions;
- 3 (d) Environmental and weather conditions;
- 4 (e) Materials available; and
- 5 (f) Construction factors.

The comprehensive ((six year)) ten-year investment program for preservation must identify projects for two years and an investment plan for the remaining ((four)) eight years.

- (2) The improvement program consists of investments needed to address identified deficiencies on the state highway system to increase mobility, address congestion, and improve safety, support for the economy, and protection of the environment. The ((six year)) ten-year investment program for improvements must identify projects for two years and major deficiencies proposed to be addressed in the ((six year)) ten-year period giving consideration to relative benefits and life cycle costing. The transportation commission shall give higher priority for correcting identified deficiencies on those facilities classified as facilities of statewide significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140. Project prioritization must be based primarily upon cost-benefit analysis, where appropriate.
- 21 The transportation commission shall approve and present the 22 comprehensive ((six year)) ten-year investment program to the governor 23 and the legislature ((in support of the biennial budget request under 24 RCW 44.40.070 and 44.40.080)) as directed by the office of financial 25 management.
- 26 **Sec. 10.** RCW 47.05.035 and 2002 c 5 s 403 are each amended to read 27 as follows:
- The department ((and the commission)) 28 shall use transportation demand modeling tools developed under subsection (2) of 29 30 this section to evaluate investments based on the best mode or 31 improvement, or mix of modes and improvements, to meet current and future long-term demand within a corridor or system for the lowest 32 The end result of these demand modeling tools is to provide a 33 34 cost-benefit analysis by which the department ((and the commission)) 35 can determine the relative mobility improvement and congestion relief 36 each mode or improvement under consideration will provide and the

relative investment each mode or improvement under consideration will need to achieve that relief.

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- (2) The department will participate in the refinement, enhancement, and application of existing transportation demand modeling tools to be used to evaluate investments. This participation and use of transportation demand modeling tools will be phased in.
- (3) In developing program objectives and performance measures, the ((transportation commission)) department shall evaluate investment trade-offs between the preservation and improvement programs. In making these investment trade-offs, the ((commission)) department shall evaluate, using cost-benefit techniques, roadway and bridge maintenance activities as compared to roadway and bridge preservation program activities and adjust those programs accordingly.
- (4) The ((commission)) department shall allocate the estimated revenue between preservation and improvement programs giving primary consideration to the following factors:
- (a) The relative needs in each of the programs and the system performance levels that can be achieved by meeting these needs;
- (b) The need to provide adequate funding for preservation to protect the state's investment in its existing highway system;
- 21 (c) The continuity of future transportation development with those 22 improvements previously programmed; and
- 23 (d) The availability of dedicated funds for a specific type of 24 work.
- 25 <u>(5) The commission shall review the results of the department's</u> 26 <u>findings and shall consider those findings in the development of the</u> 27 <u>ten-year program.</u>
- 28 **Sec. 11.** RCW 47.05.051 and 2002 c 189 s 3 are each amended to read 29 as follows:
- 30 (1) The comprehensive ((six-year)) ten-year investment program 31 shall be based upon the needs identified in the state-owned highway 32 component of the statewide multimodal transportation plan as defined in 33 RCW 47.01.071(((3))) (4) and priority selection systems that 34 incorporate the following criteria:
- 35 (a) Priority programming for the preservation program shall take 36 into account the following, not necessarily in order of importance:

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- 1 (i) Extending the service life of the existing highway system, 2 including using the most cost-effective pavement surfaces, considering:
  - (A) Life-cycle cost analysis;
  - (B) Traffic volume;

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- (C) Subgrade soil conditions;
- 6 (D) Environmental and weather conditions;
- 7 (E) Materials available; and
- 8 (F) Construction factors;
- 9 (ii) Ensuring the structural ability to carry loads imposed upon 10 highways and bridges; and
- (iii) Minimizing life cycle costs. The transportation commission in carrying out the provisions of this section may delegate to the department of transportation the authority to select preservation projects to be included in the ((six year)) ten-year program.
- 15 (b) Priority programming for the improvement program must be based 16 primarily upon the following, not necessarily in order of importance:
  - (i) Traffic congestion, delay, and accidents;
  - (ii) Location within a heavily traveled transportation corridor;
- (iii) Except for projects in cities having a population of less than five thousand persons, synchronization with other potential transportation projects, including transit and multimodal projects, within the heavily traveled corridor; and
- 23 (iv) Use of benefit/cost analysis wherever feasible to determine 24 the value of the proposed project.
- 25 (c) Priority programming for the improvement program may also take 26 into account:
- 27 (i) Support for the state's economy, including job creation and job 28 preservation;
  - (ii) The cost-effective movement of people and goods;
  - (iii) Accident and accident risk reduction;
    - (iv) Protection of the state's natural environment;
- 32 (v) Continuity and systematic development of the highway 33 transportation network;
- (vi) Consistency with local comprehensive plans developed under chapter 36.70A RCW including the following if they have been included in the comprehensive plan:
- 37 (A) Support for development in and revitalization of existing downtowns;

- 1 (B) Extent that development implements local comprehensive plans 2 for rural and urban residential and nonresidential densities;
  - (C) Extent of compact, transit-oriented development for rural and urban residential and nonresidential densities;
    - (D) Opportunities for multimodal transportation; and
  - (E) Extent to which the project accommodates planned growth and economic development;
  - (vii) Consistency with regional transportation plans developed under chapter 47.80 RCW;
    - (viii) Public views concerning proposed improvements;
    - (ix) The conservation of energy resources;

- (x) Feasibility of financing the full proposed improvement;
- 13 (xi) Commitments established in previous legislative sessions;
  - (xii) Relative costs and benefits of candidate programs.
  - (d) Major projects addressing capacity deficiencies which prioritize allowing for preliminary engineering shall be reprioritized during the succeeding biennium, based upon updated project data. Reprioritized projects may be delayed or canceled by the transportation commission if higher priority projects are awaiting funding.
  - (e) Major project approvals which significantly increase a project's scope or cost from original prioritization estimates shall include a review of the project's estimated revised priority rank and the level of funding provided. Projects may be delayed or canceled by the transportation commission if higher priority projects are awaiting funding.
  - (2) The commission may depart from the priority programming established under subsection (1) of this section: (a) To the extent that otherwise funds cannot be utilized feasibly within the program; (b) as may be required by a court judgment, legally binding agreement, or state and federal laws and regulations; (c) as may be required to coordinate with federal, local, or other state agency construction projects; (d) to take advantage of some substantial financial benefit that may be available; (e) for continuity of route development; or (f) because of changed financial or physical conditions of an unforeseen or emergent nature. The commission or secretary of transportation shall maintain in its files information sufficient to show the extent to which the commission has departed from the established priority.

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1 (3) The commission shall identify those projects that yield freight 2 mobility benefits or that alleviate the impacts of freight mobility 3 upon affected communities.

## Joint Transportation Committee

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The joint transportation committee is created. The executive committee of the joint committee consists of the chairs and ranking members of the house and senate transportation committees. The chairs of the house and senate transportation committees shall serve as cochairs of the joint committee. All members of the house and senate standing committees on transportation are eligible for membership of the joint committee and shall serve when appointed by the executive committee.

The joint transportation committee shall review and research transportation programs and issues in order to educate and promote the dissemination of transportation research to state and local government policymakers, including legislators and associated staff. All four members of the executive committee shall approve the annual work plan. Membership of the committee may vary depending on the subject matter of oversight and research projects. The committee may also make recommendations for functional or performance audits to the transportation performance audit board.

The executive committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its operations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The members of the joint transportation committee will receive allowances while attending meetings of the committee or subcommittees and while engaged in other authorized business of the committees as provided in RCW 44.04.120. Subject to RCW 44.04.260, all expenses incurred by the committee must be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the office of financial management and signed by the cochairs of the joint committee, or their authorized designees, and the authority of the chair or vice chair to sign vouchers continues until their successors are selected. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated for the expenses of the committee.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 14.** The joint transportation committee shall conduct a review of state level governance of transportation, with a focus on the appropriate roles of the separate branches of government. The committee shall review the statutory duties, roles, and functions of the transportation commission and the department. In that review the committee shall determine which responsibilities may be transferred to the executive and which may be transferred to the legislature. December 15, 2005, the joint transportation committee shall make its recommendations to the house and senate transportation committees. The joint transportation committee shall consult with affected agencies and other stakeholders in conducting its analysis. The committee may consult with and retain private professional and technical experts as necessary to ensure an independent review and analysis.

14 Transfers

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. (1)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, papers, or written material relating to the conduct of performance reviews and audits in the possession of the legislative transportation committee must be delivered to the custody of the transportation commission. Any remaining documents, books, records, files, papers, and written materials must be delivered to the custody of the joint transportation committee. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the legislative transportation committee for the purposes of staffing the transportation performance audit board are assigned to the transportation commission. Any remaining funds, credits, or other assets held by the legislative transportation committee are assigned to the joint transportation committee.

- (b) If any question arises as to the transfer of any funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.
- (2) All employees of the legislative transportation committee are transferred to the jurisdiction of the transportation commission for the support of the transportation performance audit board. However,

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- 1 the commission may, if staffing needs warrant, assign the employees to
- 2 other commission functions.

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## Transportation Performance Audits

4 **Sec. 16.** RCW 44.75.020 and 2003 c 362 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- 7 (1) "Economy and efficiency audit" has the meaning contained in 8 chapter 44.28 RCW.
- 9 (2) "Joint legislative audit and review committee" means the agency 10 created in chapter 44.28 RCW, or its statutory successor.
- 11 (3) "Legislative auditor" has the meaning contained in chapter 12 44.28 RCW.
- 13 (4) (("Legislative transportation committee" means the agency 14 created in chapter 44.40 RCW, or its statutory successor.
- 15 (5)) "Performance audit" has the meaning contained in chapter 16 44.28 RCW.
- $((\frac{(6)}{(6)}))$  "Performance review" means an outside evaluation of how a state agency uses its performance measures to assess the outcomes of its legislatively authorized activities.
- 20  $((\frac{7}{}))$  (6) "Program audit" has the meaning contained in chapter 21 44.28 RCW.
- 22  $((\frac{(8)}{)})$  "Transportation performance audit board" or "board" 23 means the board created in RCW 44.75.030.
- ((<del>(9)</del>)) <u>(8)</u> "Transportation-related agencies" <u>or "agency"</u> means any 24 25 state or local agency, board, special purpose district, or commission that receives or generates funding primarily for transportation-related 26 27 At a minimum, the department of transportation, the purposes. 28 state patrol, the department of licensing, Washington 29 transportation improvement board or its successor entity, the county 30 road administration board or its successor entity, and the traffic 31 safety commission are considered transportation-related agencies.
- 32 **Sec. 17.** RCW 44.75.030 and 2003 c 362 s 3 are each amended to read 33 as follows:
- 34 (1) The transportation performance audit board is created.

- (2) The board will consist of four legislative members, ((five)) 1 2 three citizen members with transportation-related expertise, two citizen members with performance measurement expertise, one member of 3 the transportation commission, one ex officio nonvoting member, and one 4 at large member. The legislative auditor is the ex officio nonvoting 5 The majority and minority leaders of the house and senate 6 7 transportation committees, or their designees, are the legislative The governor shall appoint the at large member to serve for 8 a term of four years. The citizen members must be ((nominated by 9 professional associations chosen by the board's legislative members 10 and)) appointed by the governor for terms of four years, except that at 11 12 least half the initial appointments will be for terms of two years. 13 The citizen members may not be currently, or within one year, employed 14 by the Washington state department of transportation. The ((<del>citizen</del> members will consist of)) governor, when appointing the citizen members 15 with transportation-related expertise, may consult with appropriate 16 professional associations and shall consider the following 17 transportation-related experiences: 18
  - (a) ((One member with expertise in)) Construction project planning, including permitting and assuring regulatory compliance;

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- (b) ((One member with expertise in))  $\underline{C}$ onstruction means and methods and construction management, crafting and implementing environmental mitigation plans, and administration;
- (c) ((One member with expertise in)) Construction engineering services, including construction management, materials testing, materials documentation, contractor payments, inspection, surveying, and project oversight;
- (d) ((One member with expertise in))  $\underline{P}$ roject management, including design estimating, contract packaging, and procurement; and
- 30 (e) (( $\frac{0}{0}$  member with expertise in)) <u>T</u>ransportation planning and congestion management.
  - (3) The governor may not remove members from the board before the expiration of their terms unless for cause based upon a determination of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, of malfeasance in office by the Thurston county superior court, upon petition and show cause proceedings brought for that purpose in that court and directed to the board member in question.

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- 1 (4) No member may be appointed for more than three consecutive 2 terms.
- **Sec. 18.** RCW 44.75.040 and 2003 c 362 s 4 are each amended to read 4 as follows:
  - (1) The board shall meet periodically. It may adopt its own rules and may establish its own procedures. It shall act collectively in harmony with recorded resolutions or motions adopted by a majority vote of the members.
  - (2) Each member of the transportation performance audit board will be compensated from the general appropriation for the ((legislative)) transportation ((committee)) commission in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and reimbursed for actual necessary traveling and other expenses in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the board or that are incurred in the discharge of duties requested by the chair. However, in no event may a board member be compensated in any year for more than one hundred twenty days, except the chair may be compensated for not more than one hundred fifty days. Service on the board does not qualify as a service credit for the purposes of a public retirement system.
  - (3) The transportation performance audit board shall keep proper records and is subject to audit by the state auditor or other auditing entities.
  - (4) Staff support to the transportation performance audit board must be provided by the ((legislative)) transportation ((committee)) commission, which shall provide professional support for the duties, functions, responsibilities, and activities of the board, including but not limited to information technology systems; data collection, processing, analysis, and reporting; project management; and office space, equipment, and secretarial support. ((The legislative evaluation and accountability program will provide data and information technology support consistent with the support currently supplied to existing legislative committees.)) Additionally, the commission shall designate, subject to board approval, a staff person to serve as the board administrator. The board administrator serves as an exempt employee and at the pleasure of the board.
    - (5) Each member of the transportation performance audit board shall

- 1 <u>disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest, if applicable</u>
- 2 under the circumstance, regarding all performance reviews and
- 3 performance audits conducted under this chapter.

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- 4 **Sec. 19.** RCW 44.75.050 and 2003 c 362 s 5 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
  - (1) The transportation performance audit board may review the performance and outcome measures of transportation-related agencies. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure that the legislature has the means to adequately and accurately assess the performance and outcomes of those agencies and departments. Where two or more agencies have shared responsibility for functions or priorities of government, these reviews can also determine whether effective interagency cooperation and collaboration occurs in areas such as program coordination, administrative structures, information systems, and administration of grants and loans.
    - (2) The board shall, as soon as practicable, conduct a review of the comprehensive ten-year investment program process, including the required criteria, under RCW 47.05.030 and 47.05.051.
- 19 <u>(3)</u> In conducting these reviews, the transportation performance 20 audit board may work in consultation with the ((<del>legislative</del> 21 transportation committee, the)) joint legislative audit and review 22 committee, the office of financial management, and other state 23 agencies.
- 24 Sec. 20. RCW 44.75.080 and 2003 c 362 s 8 are each amended to read 25 as follows:

After reviewing the performance or outcome measures and benchmarks of an agency or department, or at any time it so determines, the transportation performance audit board shall ((recommend to the executive committee of the legislative transportation committee whether)) direct a full performance or functional audit of the agency or department, or a specific program within the agency or department((ris appropriate. Upon the request of the legislative transportation committee or its executive committee, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall add the full performance or functional audit to its biennial performance audit work plan. If the request duplicates or overlaps audits already in the work plan, or was performed under the

- 1 previous biennial work plan, the executive committees of the
- 2 legislative transportation committee and the joint legislative audit
- 3 and review committee shall meet to discuss and resolve the duplication
- 4 or overlap)).

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- 5 **Sec. 21.** RCW 44.75.090 and 2003 c 362 s 9 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7  $((\frac{1}{1}))$  To the greatest extent possible,  $(\frac{1}{1})$ 8 executive committee of the legislative transportation committee)) and 9 to the extent funds are appropriated, the ((legislative auditor)) board 10 administrator shall, subject to board approval, contract with and 11 consult with private independent professional and technical experts to 12 optimize the independence of the reviews and performance audits. need to contract with private 13 determining the experts, ((<del>legislative auditor</del>)) <u>board administrator</u> shall consider the degree 14 of difficulty of the review or audit, the relative cost of contracting 15 16 for expertise, and the need to maintain auditor independence from the 17 subject agency or program. The board administrator may, subject to board approval, contract with the legislative auditor or state auditor 18 to serve as the contract manager of the reviews and performance audits. 19
  - (((2) After consultation with the executive committee of the legislative transportation committee on the appropriateness of costs, the legislative transportation committee shall reimburse the joint legislative audit and review committee or the legislative auditor for the costs of carrying out any requested performance audits, including the cost of contracts and consultant services.
  - (3) The executive committee of the legislative transportation committee must review and approve the methodology for performance audits recommended by the transportation performance audit board.))
- 29 **Sec. 22.** RCW 44.75.100 and 2003 c 362 s 10 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- 31 (1) When the board has completed a performance audit, the board 32 shall transmit the preliminary performance audit report to the affected 33 state agency or local government and the office of financial management 34 for comment. The agency or local government and the office of 35 financial management shall provide any response to the board within 36 thirty days after receipt of the preliminary report unless a different

time period is approved by the board. The board shall incorporate the response of the agency or local government and the office of financial management into the final performance audit report. The board may also include an addendum with board comments on the management of the audit.

- (2) Before releasing the results of a performance audit originally requested by the joint transportation committee to the legislature or the public, the board administrator shall submit the preliminary performance audit report to the joint committee for review and comments solely on the management of the audit. Any comments by the joint committee must be included as a separate addendum to the final performance audit report.
- (3) Completed performance audits must be presented to the transportation performance audit board ((and the legislative transportation committee)). Published performance audits must be made available to the public through the ((legislative transportation committee and the joint legislative audit and review committee's)) board's web site and through customary public communications. Final reports must also be transmitted to the affected agency, the director of financial management, and the appropriate policy and fiscal standing committees of the legislature.
- **Sec. 23.** RCW 44.75.110 and 2003 c 362 s 11 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
  - The ((legislative auditor)) board administrator, or the legislative auditor or state auditor if contracted under RCW 44.75.090, shall determine in writing the scope of any performance audit ((requested)) directed by the ((legislative transportation committee or its executive committee)) transportation performance audit board, subject to the review and approval of the final scope of the audit by the transportation performance audit board((, and the legislative transportation committee or its executive committee)). In doing so, the ((legislative auditor,)) board administrator, or legislative auditor or state auditor if contracted under RCW 44.75.090, and the transportation performance audit board((, and the legislative transportation committee or its executive committee)) shall consider inclusion of the following elements in the scope of the audit:
- 36 (1) Identification of potential cost savings in the agency, its 37 programs, and its services;

- (2) Identification and recognition of best practices;
- 2 (3) Identification of funding to the agency, to programs, and to services that can be eliminated or reduced;
  - (4) Identification of programs and services that can be eliminated, reduced, or transferred to the private sector;
  - (5) Analysis of gaps and overlaps in programs and services and recommendations for improving, dropping, blending, or separating functions to correct gaps or overlaps;
- 9 (6) Analysis and recommendations for pooling information technology 10 systems;
  - (7) Analysis of the roles and functions of the agency, its programs, and its services and their compliance with statutory authority and recommendations for eliminating or changing those roles and functions and ensuring compliance with statutory authority;
  - (8) Recommendations for eliminating or changing statutes, rules, and policy directives as may be necessary to ensure that the agency carry out reasonably and properly those functions expressly vested in the department by statute; and
- 19 (9) Verification of the reliability and validity of department 20 performance data, self-assessments, and performance measurement systems 21 as required under RCW 43.88.090.
- 22 **Sec. 24.** RCW 44.75.120 and 2003 c 362 s 12 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

24 When conducting a full performance audit of an agency department, or a specific program within an agency or department, or 25 26 multiple agencies, in accordance with RCW 44.75.110, the ((legislative auditor)) board administrator shall solicit input from appropriate 27 28 industry representatives or experts. The audit report must make recommendations regarding the continuation, abolition, consolidation, 29 30 or reorganization of each affected agency, department, or program. The 31 audit report must identify opportunities to develop government partnerships, and eliminate program redundancies that will result in 32 increased quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of state agencies. 33

- 34 **Sec. 25.** RCW 44.28.161 and 2003 c 362 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:
- In addition to any other audits developed or included in the audit

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work plan under this chapter, the legislative auditor shall manage transportation-related performance audits ((directed by the executive committee of the legislative transportation committee under RCW 44.75.080. If directed to perform or contract for audit services under RCW 44.75.080, the legislative auditor or joint legislative audit and review committee will receive from the legislative transportation committee an interagency reimbursement equal to the cost of the contract or audit services)) if contracted to do so under RCW 44.75.090. 

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**Sec. 101.** RCW 35.58.2796 and 1989 c 396 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The department of transportation shall develop an annual report summarizing the status of public transportation systems in the state. By September 1st of each year, copies of the report shall be submitted to the ((legislative transportation committee)) transportation committees of the legislature and to each municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and to individual members of the municipality's legislative authority. ((The department shall prepare and submit a preliminary report by December 1, 1989.))

To assist the department with preparation of the report, each municipality shall file a system report by April 1st of each year with the state department of transportation identifying its public transportation services for the previous calendar year and its objectives for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of those services. The system report shall address those items required for each public transportation system in the department's report.

The department report shall describe individual public transportation systems, including contracted transportation services and dial-a-ride services, and include a statewide summary of public transportation issues and data. The descriptions shall include the following elements and such other elements as the department deems appropriate after consultation with the municipalities and the ((legislative transportation committee)) transportation committees of the legislature:

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- 1 (1) Equipment and facilities, including vehicle replacement 2 standards;
  - (2) Services and service standards;

- (3) Revenues, expenses, and ending balances, by fund source;
- (4) Policy issues and system improvement objectives, including community participation in development of those objectives and how those objectives address statewide transportation priorities;
- (5) Operating indicators applied to public transportation services, revenues, and expenses. Operating indicators shall include operating cost per passenger trip, operating cost per revenue vehicle service hour, passenger trips per revenue service hour, passenger trips per vehicle service mile, vehicle service hours per employee, and farebox revenue as a percent of operating costs.
- **Sec. 102.** RCW 36.78.070 and 1999 c 269 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The county road administration board shall:

- (1) Establish by rule, standards of good practice for the administration of county roads and the efficient movement of people and goods over county roads;
- (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 from its executive director to determine compliance with legislative directives and the standards of good practice adopted by the board;
- (4) Advise counties on issues relating to county roads and the safe and efficient movement of people and goods over county roads and assist counties in developing uniform and efficient transportation-related information technology resources;
- (5) Report annually before the fifteenth day of January, and throughout the year as appropriate, to the state department of transportation and to the chairs of the ((legislative transportation committee and the)) house and senate transportation committees, and to other entities as appropriate on the status of county road administration in each county, including one copy to the staff of each of the committees. The annual report shall contain recommendations for improving administration of the county road programs;

- 1 (6) Administer the rural arterial program established by chapter 2 36.79 RCW and the program funded by the county arterial preservation 3 account established by RCW 46.68.090, as well as any other programs 4 provided for in law.
  - Sec. 103. RCW 41.40.037 and 2004 c 242 s 63 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for every eight hours worked during that month. This reduction will be applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment with an employer for one full calendar month.
- (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will accrue for a maximum of one hundred sixty hours per month. Any benefit reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.
- (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a retiree from plan 1 who enters employment with an employer at least one calendar month after his or her accrual date may continue to receive pension payments while engaged in such service for up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours of service in a calendar year without a reduction of pension.
- (b) A retiree from plan 1 who enters employment with an employer at least three calendar months after his or her accrual date and:
- (i) Is hired into a position for which the employer has documented a justifiable need to hire a retiree into the position;
- (ii) Is hired through the established process for the position with the approval of: A school board for a school district; the chief executive officer of a state agency employer; the secretary of the senate for the senate; the chief clerk of the house of representatives for the house of representatives; the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives jointly for the joint legislative audit and review committee, ((the legislative transportation committee,)) the joint committee on pension policy, the legislative evaluation and accountability program, the legislative systems committee, and the statute law committee; or according to rules

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adopted for the rehiring of retired plan 1 members for a local government employer;

- (iii) The employer retains records of the procedures followed and decisions made in hiring the retiree, and provides those records in the event of an audit; and
- (iv) The employee has not already rendered a cumulative total of more than one thousand nine hundred hours of service while in receipt of pension payments beyond an annual threshold of eight hundred sixty-seven hours;
- shall cease to receive pension payments while engaged in that service after the retiree has rendered service for more than one thousand five hundred hours in a calendar year. The one thousand nine hundred hour cumulative total under this subsection applies prospectively to those retiring after July 27, 2003, and retroactively to those who retired prior to July 27, 2003, and shall be calculated from the date of retirement.
  - (c) When a plan 1 member renders service beyond eight hundred sixty-seven hours, the department shall collect from the employer the applicable employer retirement contributions for the entire duration of the member's employment during that calendar year.
  - (d) A retiree from plan 2 or plan 3 who has satisfied the break in employment requirement of subsection (1) of this section may work up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours in a calendar year in an eligible position, as defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter or law enforcement officer, as defined in RCW 41.26.030, without suspension of his or her benefit.
  - (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW 41.40.023(12), he or she terminates his or her retirement status and becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue during the period of membership and the individual shall make contributions and receive membership credit. Such a member shall have the right to again retire if eligible in accordance with RCW 41.40.180. However, if the right to retire is exercised to become effective before the member has rendered two uninterrupted years of service, the retirement formula and survivor options the member had at the time of the member's previous retirement shall be reinstated.
    - (4) The department shall collect and provide the state actuary with

- 1 information relevant to the use of this section for the select 2 committee on pension policy.
- 3 (5) The legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this 4 section in the future and no member or beneficiary has a contractual 5 right to be employed for more than five months in a calendar year 6 without a reduction of his or her pension.
- 7 **Sec. 104.** RCW 43.10.101 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 527 are each 8 amended to read as follows:

The attorney general shall prepare annually a report to the ((legislative transportation committee)) transportation committees of the legislature, the transportation commission, and the transportation performance audit board comprising a comprehensive summary of all cases involving tort claims against the department of transportation involving highways which were concluded and closed in the previous calendar year. The report shall include for each case closed:

(1) A summary of the factual background of the case;

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- (2) Identification of the attorneys representing the state and the opposing parties;
- 19 (3) A synopsis of the legal theories asserted and the defenses 20 presented;
- 21 (4) Whether the case was tried, settled, or dismissed, and in whose 22 favor;
- 23 (5) The approximate number of attorney hours expended by the state 24 on the case, together with the corresponding dollar amount billed 25 therefore; and
  - (6) Such other matters relating to the case as the attorney general deems relevant or appropriate, especially including any comments or recommendations for changes in statute law or agency practice that might effectively reduce the exposure of the state to such tort claims.
- 30 **Sec. 105.** RCW 43.79.270 and 1998 c 177 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- 32 (1) Whenever any money, from the federal government, or from other 33 sources, which was not anticipated in the budget approved by the 34 legislature has actually been received and is designated to be spent 35 for a specific purpose, the head of any department, agency, board, or 36 commission through which such expenditure shall be made is to submit to

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- the governor a statement which may be in the form of a request for an 1 2 allotment amendment setting forth the facts constituting the need for such expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended: 3 That no expenditure shall be made in excess of the actual amount 4 5 received, and no money shall be expended for any purpose except the specific purpose for which it was received. A copy of any proposal 6 7 submitted to the governor to expend money from an appropriated fund or account in excess of appropriations provided by law which is based on 8 9 the receipt of unanticipated revenues shall be submitted to the joint 10 legislative audit and review committee and also to the standing committees on ways and means of the house and senate if the legislature 11 12 is in session at the same time as it is transmitted to the governor.
  - (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, whenever money from any source that was not anticipated in the transportation budget approved by the legislature has actually been received and designated to be spent for a specific purpose, the head of a department, agency, board, or commission through which the expenditure must be made shall submit to the governor a statement, which may be in the form of a request for an allotment amendment, setting forth the facts constituting the need for the expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended. However, no expenditure may be made in excess of the actual amount received, and no money may be expended for any purpose except the specific purpose for which it was received. of any proposal submitted to the governor to expend money from an appropriated transportation fund or account in excess of appropriations provided by law that is based on the receipt of unanticipated revenues must be submitted, at a minimum, to the standing committees on transportation of the house and senate((, if the legislature is in session,)) at the same time as it is transmitted to the governor. ((During the legislative interim, any such proposal must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee.))
  - Sec. 106. RCW 43.79.280 and 1998 c 177 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) If the governor approves such estimate in whole or part, he shall endorse on each copy of the statement his approval, together with a statement of the amount approved in the form of an allotment amendment, and transmit one copy to the head of the department, agency,

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board, or commission authorizing the expenditure. An identical copy of the governor's statement of approval and a statement of the amount approved for expenditure shall be transmitted simultaneously to the joint legislative audit and review committee and also to the standing committee on ways and means of the house and senate of all executive approvals of proposals to expend money in excess of appropriations provided by law.

- (2) If the governor approves an estimate with transportation funding implications, in whole or part, he shall endorse on each copy of the statement his approval, together with a statement of the amount approved in the form of an allotment amendment, and transmit one copy to the head of the department, agency, board, or commission authorizing the expenditure. An identical copy of the governor's statement of approval of a proposal to expend transportation money in excess of appropriations provided by law and a statement of the amount approved for expenditure must be transmitted simultaneously to the standing committees on transportation of the house and senate. ((During the legislative interim, all estimate approvals endorsed by the governor along with a statement of the amount approved in the form of an allotment amendment must be transmitted simultaneously to the legislative transportation committee.))
- **Sec. 107.** RCW 43.88.020 and 2000 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 11 are each 23 amended to read as follows:
  - (1) "Budget" means a proposed plan of expenditures for a given period or purpose and the proposed means for financing these expenditures.
  - (2) "Budget document" means a formal statement, either written or provided on any electronic media or both, offered by the governor to the legislature, as provided in RCW 43.88.030.
  - (3) "Director of financial management" means the official appointed by the governor to serve at the governor's pleasure and to whom the governor may delegate necessary authority to carry out the governor's duties as provided in this chapter. The director of financial management shall be head of the office of financial management which shall be in the office of the governor.
  - (4) "Agency" means and includes every state office, officer, each

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- institution, whether educational, correctional, or other, and every department, division, board, and commission, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
  - (5) "Public funds", for purposes of this chapter, means all moneys, including cash, checks, bills, notes, drafts, stocks, and bonds, whether held in trust, for operating purposes, or for capital purposes, and collected or disbursed under law, whether or not such funds are otherwise subject to legislative appropriation, including funds maintained outside the state treasury.
  - (6) "Regulations" means the policies, standards, and requirements, stated in writing, designed to carry out the purposes of this chapter, as issued by the governor or the governor's designated agent, and which shall have the force and effect of law.
  - (7) "Ensuing biennium" means the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1st of the same year in which a regular session of the legislature is held during an odd-numbered year pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the Constitution and which biennium next succeeds the current biennium.
  - (8) "Dedicated fund" means a fund in the state treasury, or a separate account or fund in the general fund in the state treasury, that by law is dedicated, appropriated, or set aside for a limited object or purpose; but "dedicated fund" does not include a revolving fund or a trust fund.
  - (9) "Revolving fund" means a fund in the state treasury, established by law, from which is paid the cost of goods or services furnished to or by a state agency, and which is replenished through charges made for such goods or services or through transfers from other accounts or funds.
  - (10) "Trust fund" means a fund in the state treasury in which designated persons or classes of persons have a vested beneficial interest or equitable ownership, or which was created or established by a gift, grant, contribution, devise, or bequest that limits the use of the fund to designated objects or purposes.
  - (11) "Administrative expenses" means expenditures for: (a) Salaries, wages, and related costs of personnel and (b) operations and maintenance including but not limited to costs of supplies, materials, services, and equipment.
- 37 (12) "Fiscal year" means the year beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

1 (13) "Lapse" means the termination of authority to expend an 2 appropriation.

- (14) "Legislative fiscal committees" means the joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, <u>and</u> the ways and means and transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives((-, and, where appropriate, the legislative transportation committee)).
- (15) "Fiscal period" means the period for which an appropriation is made as specified within the act making the appropriation.
  - (16) "Primary budget driver" means the primary determinant of a budget level, other than a price variable, which causes or is associated with the major expenditure of an agency or budget unit within an agency, such as a caseload, enrollment, workload, or population statistic.
- 15 (17) "State tax revenue limit" means the limitation created by 16 chapter 43.135 RCW.
- 17 (18) "General state revenues" means the revenues defined by Article
  18 VIII, section 1(c) of the state Constitution.
  - (19) "Annual growth rate in real personal income" means the estimated percentage growth in personal income for the state during the current fiscal year, expressed in constant value dollars, as published by the office of financial management or its successor agency.
  - (20) "Estimated revenues" means estimates of revenue in the most recent official economic and revenue forecast prepared under RCW 82.33.020, and prepared by the office of financial management for those funds, accounts, and sources for which the office of the economic and revenue forecast council does not prepare an official forecast ((including estimates of revenues to support financial plans under RCW 44.40.070)), that are prepared by the office of financial management in consultation with the transportation revenue forecast council.
  - (21) "Estimated receipts" means the estimated receipt of cash in the most recent official economic and revenue forecast prepared under RCW 82.33.020, and prepared by the office of financial management for those funds, accounts, and sources for which the office of the economic and revenue forecast council does not prepare an official forecast.
- 36 (22) "State budgeting, accounting, and reporting system" means a 37 system that gathers, maintains, and communicates fiscal information.

- The system links fiscal information beginning with development of agency budget requests through adoption of legislative appropriations to tracking actual receipts and expenditures against approved plans.
- (23) "Allotment of appropriation" means the agency's statement of proposed expenditures, the director of financial management's review of that statement, and the placement of the approved statement into the state budgeting, accounting, and reporting system.
- (24) "Statement of proposed expenditures" means a plan prepared by each agency that breaks each appropriation out into monthly detail representing the best estimate of how the appropriation will be expended.
- (25) "Undesignated fund balance (or deficit)" means unreserved and undesignated current assets or other resources available for expenditure over and above any current liabilities which are expected to be incurred by the close of the fiscal period.
- (26) "Internal audit" means an independent appraisal activity within an agency for the review of operations as a service to management, including a systematic examination of accounting and fiscal controls to assure that human and material resources are guarded against waste, loss, or misuse; and that reliable data are gathered, maintained, and fairly disclosed in a written report of the audit findings.
- (27) "Performance verification" means an analysis that (a) verifies the accuracy of data used by state agencies in quantifying intended results and measuring performance toward those results, and (b) verifies whether or not the reported results were achieved.
- 27 (28) "Performance audit" has the same meaning as it is defined in 28 RCW 44.28.005.
- **Sec. 108.** RCW 43.88.030 and 2004 c 276 s 908 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- 31 (1) The director of financial management shall provide all agencies 32 with a complete set of instructions for submitting biennial budget 33 requests to the director at least three months before agency budget 34 documents are due into the office of financial management. ((The 35 director shall provide agencies and committees that are required under 36 RCW 44.40.070 to develop comprehensive six year program and financial 37 plans with a complete set of instructions for submitting these program

and financial plans at the same time that instructions for submitting 1 2 other budget requests are provided.)) The budget document or documents shall consist of the governor's budget message which shall be 3 explanatory of the budget and shall contain an outline of the proposed 4 financial policies of the state for the ensuing fiscal period, as well 5 as an outline of the proposed six-year financial policies where 6 7 applicable, and shall describe in connection therewith the important features of the budget. The message shall set forth the reasons for 8 salient changes from the previous fiscal period in expenditure and 9 10 revenue items and shall explain any major changes in financial policy. Attached to the budget message shall be such supporting schedules, 11 12 exhibits and other explanatory material in respect to both current 13 operations and capital improvements as the governor shall deem to be 14 useful to the legislature. The budget document or documents shall set forth a proposal for expenditures in the ensuing fiscal period, or six-15 16 year period where applicable, based upon the estimated revenues and 17 caseloads as approved by the economic and revenue forecast council and caseload forecast council or upon the estimated revenues and caseloads 18 of the office of financial management for those funds, accounts, 19 sources, and programs for which the forecast councils do not prepare an 20 21 official forecast((, including those revenues anticipated to support 22 the six-year programs and financial plans under RCW 44.40.070. In 23 estimating revenues to support financial plans under RCW 44.40.070, the 24 office of financial management shall rely on information and advice 25 from the transportation revenue forecast council)). Revenues shall be estimated for such fiscal period from the source and at the rates 26 27 existing by law at the time of submission of the budget document, including the supplemental budgets submitted in the even-numbered years 28 of a biennium. However, the estimated revenues and caseloads for use 29 in the governor's budget document may be adjusted to reflect budgetary 30 revenue transfers and revenue and caseload estimates dependent upon 31 32 budgetary assumptions of enrollments, workloads, and caseloads. adjustments to the approved estimated revenues and caseloads must be 33 34 set forth in the budget document. The governor may additionally submit, as an appendix to each supplemental, biennial, or six-year 35 36 agency budget or to the budget document or documents, a proposal for 37 expenditures in the ensuing fiscal period from revenue sources derived 38 from proposed changes in existing statutes.

Supplemental and biennial documents shall reflect a six-year expenditure plan consistent with estimated revenues from existing sources ((and at existing rates for those agencies required to submit six-year program and financial plans under RCW 44.40.070)). Any additional revenue resulting from proposed changes to existing statutes shall be separately identified within the document as well as related expenditures for the six-year period.

The budget document or documents shall also contain:

- (a) Revenues classified by fund and source for the immediately past fiscal period, those received or anticipated for the current fiscal period, <u>and</u> those anticipated for the ensuing biennium((, and those anticipated for the ensuing six year period to support the six year programs and financial plans required under RCW 44.40.070));
  - (b) The undesignated fund balance or deficit, by fund;
- (c) Such additional information dealing with expenditures, revenues, workload, performance, and personnel as the legislature may direct by law or concurrent resolution;
- (d) Such additional information dealing with revenues and expenditures as the governor shall deem pertinent and useful to the legislature;
- (e) Tabulations showing expenditures classified by fund, function, activity, and agency. However, documents submitted for the 2005-07 biennial budget request need not show expenditures by activity;
- (f) A delineation of each agency's activities, including those activities funded from nonbudgeted, nonappropriated sources, including funds maintained outside the state treasury;
- (g) Identification of all proposed direct expenditures to implement the Puget Sound water quality plan under chapter 90.71 RCW, shown by agency and in total; and
- (h) Tabulations showing each postretirement adjustment by retirement system established after fiscal year 1991, to include, but not be limited to, estimated total payments made to the end of the previous biennial period, estimated payments for the present biennium, and estimated payments for the ensuing biennium.
- 35 (2) The budget document or documents shall include detailed 36 estimates of all anticipated revenues applicable to proposed operating 37 or capital expenditures and shall also include all proposed operating 38 or capital expenditures. The total of beginning undesignated fund

- 1 balance and estimated revenues less working capital and other reserves
- 2 shall equal or exceed the total of proposed applicable expenditures.
- 3 The budget document or documents shall further include:
- 4 (a) Interest, amortization and redemption charges on the state 5 debt;
  - (b) Payments of all reliefs, judgments, and claims;
- 7 (c) Other statutory expenditures;

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- (d) Expenditures incident to the operation for each agency;
- (e) Revenues derived from agency operations;
- (f) Expenditures and revenues shall be given in comparative form showing those incurred or received for the immediately past fiscal period and those anticipated for the current biennium and next ensuing biennium((, as well as those required to support the six-year programs and financial plans required under RCW 44.40.070));
  - (g) A showing and explanation of amounts of general fund and other funds obligations for debt service and any transfers of moneys that otherwise would have been available for appropriation;
    - (h) Common school expenditures on a fiscal-year basis;
  - (i) A showing, by agency, of the value and purpose of financing contracts for the lease/purchase or acquisition of personal or real property for the current and ensuing fiscal periods; and
  - (j) A showing and explanation of anticipated amounts of general fund and other funds required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the retirement system specified under chapter 41.45 RCW, and the contributions to meet such amortization, stated in total dollars and as a level percentage of total compensation.
  - (3) A separate capital budget document or schedule shall be submitted that will contain the following:
  - (a) A statement setting forth a long-range facilities plan for the state that identifies and includes the highest priority needs within affordable spending levels;
  - (b) A capital program consisting of proposed capital projects for the next biennium and the two biennia succeeding the next biennium consistent with the long-range facilities plan. Insomuch as is practical, and recognizing emergent needs, the capital program shall reflect the priorities, projects, and spending levels proposed in previously submitted capital budget documents in order to provide a

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- 1 reliable long-range planning tool for the legislature and state 2 agencies;
  - (c) A capital plan consisting of proposed capital spending for at least four biennia succeeding the next biennium;
  - (d) A strategic plan for reducing backlogs of maintenance and repair projects. The plan shall include a prioritized list of specific facility deficiencies and capital projects to address the deficiencies for each agency, cost estimates for each project, a schedule for completing projects over a reasonable period of time, and identification of normal maintenance activities to reduce future backlogs;
    - (e) A statement of the reason or purpose for a project;
- 13 (f) Verification that a project is consistent with the provisions 14 set forth in chapter 36.70A RCW;
- 15 (g) A statement about the proposed site, size, and estimated life 16 of the project, if applicable;
  - (h) Estimated total project cost;
  - (i) For major projects valued over five million dollars, estimated costs for the following project components: Acquisition, consultant services, construction, equipment, project management, and other costs included as part of the project. Project component costs shall be displayed in a standard format defined by the office of financial management to allow comparisons between projects;
  - (j) Estimated total project cost for each phase of the project as defined by the office of financial management;
    - (k) Estimated ensuing biennium costs;
    - (1) Estimated costs beyond the ensuing biennium;
    - (m) Estimated construction start and completion dates;
      - (n) Source and type of funds proposed;
- 30 (o) Estimated ongoing operating budget costs or savings resulting 31 from the project, including staffing and maintenance costs;
  - (p) For any capital appropriation requested for a state agency for the acquisition of land or the capital improvement of land in which the primary purpose of the acquisition or improvement is recreation or wildlife habitat conservation, the capital budget document, or an omnibus list of recreation and habitat acquisitions provided with the governor's budget document, shall identify the projected costs of operation and maintenance for at least the two biennia succeeding the

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- next biennium. Omnibus lists of habitat and recreation land acquisitions shall include individual project cost estimates for operation and maintenance as well as a total for all state projects included in the list. The document shall identify the source of funds from which the operation and maintenance costs are proposed to be funded;
- 7 (q) Such other information bearing upon capital projects as the 8 governor deems to be useful;

- (r) Standard terms, including a standard and uniform definition of normal maintenance, for all capital projects;
- 11 (s) Such other information as the legislature may direct by law or concurrent resolution.

For purposes of this subsection (3), the term "capital project" shall be defined subsequent to the analysis, findings, and recommendations of a joint committee comprised of representatives from the house capital appropriations committee, senate ways and means committee, ((legislative transportation committee,)) legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and office of financial management.

- (4) No change affecting the comparability of agency or program information relating to expenditures, revenues, workload, performance and personnel shall be made in the format of any budget document or report presented to the legislature under this section or RCW 43.88.160(1) relative to the format of the budget document or report which was presented to the previous regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year without prior legislative concurrence. Prior legislative concurrence shall consist of (a) a favorable majority vote on the proposal by the standing committees on ways and means of both houses if the legislature is in session or (b) a favorable majority vote on the proposal by members of the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee if the legislature is not in session.
- **Sec. 109.** RCW 43.88.230 and 1996 c 288 s 40 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the statute law committee, the joint legislative audit and review committee, the ((<del>legislative</del>)) joint transportation committee, the legislative evaluation and accountability

- 1 program committee, the office of state actuary, and all legislative
- 2 standing committees of both houses shall be deemed a part of the
- 3 legislative branch of state government.

- **Sec. 110.** RCW 43.105.160 and 1999 c 80 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) The department shall prepare a state strategic information technology plan which shall establish a statewide mission, goals, and objectives for the use of information technology, including goals for electronic access to government records, information, and services. The plan shall be developed in accordance with the standards and policies established by the board and shall be submitted to the board for review, modification as necessary, and approval. The department shall seek the advice of the board in the development of this plan.

The plan approved under this section shall be updated as necessary and submitted to the governor( $(\tau)$ ) and the chairs and ranking minority members of the appropriations committees of the senate and the house of representatives( $(\tau, \tau)$ ) and the legislative session, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the approved plan must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee, instead of the standing transportation committees)).

- (2) The department shall prepare a biennial state performance report on information technology based on agency performance reports required under RCW 43.105.170 and other information deemed appropriate by the department. The report shall include, but not be limited to:
- (a) An analysis, based upon agency portfolios, of the state's information technology infrastructure, including its value, condition, and capacity;
- (b) An evaluation of performance relating to information technology;
  - (c) An assessment of progress made toward implementing the state strategic information technology plan, including progress toward electronic access to public information and enabling citizens to have two-way access to public records, information, and services;
    - (d) An analysis of the success or failure, feasibility, progress,

costs, and timeliness of implementation of major information technology projects under RCW 43.105.190;

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- (e) Identification of benefits, cost avoidance, and cost savings generated by major information technology projects developed under RCW 43.105.190; and
- (f) An inventory of state information services, equipment, and proprietary software.

Copies of the report shall be distributed biennially to the 8 governor((7)) and the chairs and ranking minority members of the 9 appropriations committees of the senate and the 10 of representatives ((, and, during the legislative session, the chairs and 11 ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate 12 and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the 13 14 report must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee, instead of the standing transportation committees)). 15

- 16 **Sec. 111.** RCW 43.105.190 and 1999 c 80 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) The department, with the approval of the board, shall establish standards and policies governing the planning, implementation, and evaluation of major information technology projects, including those proposed by the superintendent of public instruction, in conjunction with educational service districts, or statewide or regional providers of K-12 education information technology services. The standards and policies shall:
  - (a) Establish criteria to identify projects which are subject to this section. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to, significant anticipated cost, complexity, or statewide significance of the project; and
  - (b) Establish a model process and procedures which agencies shall follow in developing and implementing projects within their information technology portfolios. Agencies may propose, for approval by the department, a process and procedures unique to the agency. The department may accept or require modification of such agency proposals or the department may reject such agency proposals and require use of the model process and procedures established under this subsection. Any process and procedures developed under this subsection shall require (i) distinct and identifiable phases upon which funding may be

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based, (ii) user validation of products through system demonstrations
and testing of prototypes and deliverables, and (iii) other elements
identified by the board.

The director may terminate a major project if the director determines that the project is not meeting or is not expected to meet anticipated performance standards.

- (2) The office of financial management shall establish policies and standards consistent with portfolio-based information technology management to govern the funding of projects developed under this section. The policies and standards shall provide for:
- (a) Funding of a project under terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the director, the director of financial management, and the head of the agency proposing the project. However, the office of financial management may require incremental funding of a project on a phase-by-phase basis whereby funds for a given phase of a project may be released only when the office of financial management determines, with the advice of the department, that the previous phase is satisfactorily completed;
- (b) Acceptance testing of products to assure that products perform satisfactorily before they are accepted and final payment is made; and
- (c) Other elements deemed necessary by the office of financial management.
- (3) The department shall evaluate projects based on the demonstrated business needs and benefits; cost; technology scope and feasibility; impact on the agency's information technology portfolio and on the statewide infrastructure; and final project implementation plan based upon available funding.

Copies of project evaluations conducted under this subsection shall be submitted to the office of financial management and the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff coordinators of the appropriations committees of the senate and house of representatives.

If there are projects that receive funding from a transportation fund or account, copies of those projects' evaluations conducted under this subsection must be submitted((, during the legislative session,)) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate and the house of representatives. ((During the legislative interim, the project evaluations must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee.))

1 **Sec. 112.** RCW 44.04.260 and 2003 c 295 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

legislative audit and 3 The joint review committee, the ((<del>legislative</del>)) joint transportation committee, the select committee on 4 5 pension policy, the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and the joint legislative systems committee are subject to 6 such operational policies, procedures, and oversight as are deemed 7 necessary by the facilities and operations committee of the senate and 8 the executive rules committee of the house of representatives to ensure 9 operational adequacy of the agencies of the legislative branch. 10 used in this section, "operational policies, procedures, and oversight" 11 includes the development process of biennial budgets, contracting 12 procedures, personnel policies, and compensation plans, selection of a 13 chief administrator, facilities, and expenditures. This section does 14 not grant oversight authority to the facilities and operations 15 16 committee of the senate over any standing committee of the house of 17 representatives or oversight authority to the executive rules committee of the house of representatives over any standing committee of the 18 19 senate.

20 **Sec. 113.** RCW 44.28.088 and 2003 c 362 s 14 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

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- (1) When the legislative auditor has completed a performance audit authorized in the performance audit work plan, the legislative auditor shall transmit the preliminary performance audit report to the affected state agency or local government and the office of financial management for comment. The agency or local government and the office of financial management shall provide any response to the legislative auditor within thirty days after receipt of the preliminary performance audit report unless a different time period is approved by the joint committee. The legislative auditor shall incorporate the response of the agency or local government and the office of financial management into the final performance audit report.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, before releasing the results of a performance audit to the legislature or the public, the legislative auditor shall submit the preliminary performance audit report to the joint committee for its review, comments, and final recommendations. Any comments by the joint

committee must be included as a separate addendum to the final 1 2 performance audit report. Upon consideration and incorporation of the review, comments, and recommendations of the joint committee, the 3 legislative auditor shall transmit the final performance audit report 4 to the affected agency or local government, the director of financial 5 management, the leadership of the senate and the 6 7 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate and shall publish the results and 8 make the report available to the public. For purposes of this section, 10 "leadership of the senate and the house of representatives" means the speaker of the house, the majority leaders of the senate and the house 11 12 of representatives, the minority leaders of the senate and the house of 13 representatives, the caucus chairs of both major political parties of 14 the senate and the house of representatives, and the floor leaders of both major political parties of the senate and the house 15 of 16 representatives.

(3) <u>If contracted to manage a transportation-related performance</u> audit under RCW 44.75.090, before releasing the results of a performance audit originally ((requested)) directed by the ((executive committee of the legislative transportation committee)) transportation performance audit board to the legislature or the public, the legislative auditor shall submit the preliminary performance audit report to the ((executive committee of the joint committee and the executive committee of the legislative transportation committee)) transportation performance audit board for review and comments solely on the management of the audit. Any comments by the ((executive committee of the joint committee and executive committee of the legislative transportation committee)) transportation performance audit board must be included as a separate addendum to the final performance audit report. Upon consideration and incorporation of the review and comments of the ((executive committee of the joint committee and executive committee of the legislative transportation committee)) transportation performance audit board, the legislative auditor shall transmit the final performance audit report to the affected agency or local government, the director of financial management, the leadership of the senate and the house of representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate and shall publish the results and make the report available to the public.

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**Sec. 114.** RCW 44.40.025 and 1996 c 288 s 49 are each amended to 2 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 joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and the ways and means committees of the senate and house of representatives, ascertain, study, ((and/or)) and 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.

The joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and the ways and means committees of the senate and house of representatives shall coordinate their activities with the ((legislative)) transportation committees of the legislature in carrying out the committees' powers and duties under chapter 43.88 RCW in matters relating to the transportation programs of the state.

**Sec. 115.** RCW 46.01.320 and 1996 c 315 s 2 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

The title and registration advisory committee is created within the department. The committee consists of the director or a designee, who shall serve as chair, the assistant director for vehicle services, the administrator of title and registration services, two members from each of the house and senate transportation committees, two county auditors nominated by the Washington association of county officials, and two representatives of subagents nominated by an association of vehicle subagents. The committee shall meet at least twice a year, and may meet as often as is necessary.

The committee's purpose is to foster communication between the legislature, the department, county auditors, and subagents. The committee shall make recommendations ((when requested by the legislative transportation committee, or on its own initiative,)) about revisions to fee structures, implications of fee revisions on cost

- 1 sharing, and the development of standard contracts provided for in RCW
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- 3 **Sec. 116.** RCW 46.01.325 and 1996 c 315 s 3 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
  - (1) The director shall prepare, with the advice of the title and registration advisory committee, an annual comprehensive analysis and evaluation of agent and subagent fees. The director shall make recommendations for agent and subagent fee revisions approved by the title and registration advisory committee to the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees by January 1st of every third year starting with 1996. Fee revision recommendations may be made more frequently when justified by the annual analysis and evaluation, and requested by the title and registration advisory committee.
- 14 (2) The annual comprehensive analysis and evaluation must consider, 15 but is not limited to:
- 16 (a) Unique and significant financial, legislative, or other 17 relevant developments that may impact fees;
- 18 (b) Current funding for ongoing operating and maintenance 19 automation project costs affecting revenue collection and service 20 delivery;
- 21 (c) Future system requirements including an appropriate sharing of 22 costs between the department, agents, and subagents;
- 23 (d) Beneficial mix of customer service delivery options based on a 24 fee structure commensurate with quality performance standards;
- (e) Appropriate indices projecting state and national growth in business and economic conditions prepared by the United States department of commerce, the department of revenue, and the revenue forecast council for the state of Washington.
- 29 **Sec. 117.** RCW 46.16.705 and 2003 c 196 s 101 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
  - (1) The special license plate review board is created.
- 32 (2) The board will consist of seven members: One member appointed 33 by the governor and who will serve as chair of the board; four members 34 of the legislature, one from each caucus of the house of 35 representatives and the senate; a department of licensing

representative appointed by the director; and a Washington state patrol representative appointed by the chief.

- (3) Members shall serve terms of four years, except that four of the members initially appointed will be appointed for terms of two years. No member may be appointed for more than three consecutive terms.
- (4) The ((legislative transportation committee)) respective appointing authority may remove members from the board before the expiration of their terms only for cause based upon a determination of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office as ordered by the Thurston county superior court, upon petition and show cause proceedings brought for that purpose in that court and directed to the board member in question.
- **Sec. 118.** RCW 46.16.715 and 2003 c 196 s 102 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) The board shall meet periodically at the call of the chair, but must meet at least one time each year within ninety days before an upcoming regular session of the legislature. The board may adopt its own rules and may establish its own procedures. It shall act collectively in harmony with recorded resolutions or motions adopted by a majority vote of the members, and it must have a quorum present to take a vote on a special license plate application.
  - (2) The board will be compensated from the general appropriation for the ((legislative transportation committee)) department of licensing in accordance with RCW 43.03.250. Each board member will be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and reimbursed for actual necessary traveling and other expenses in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the board or that are incurred in the discharge of duties requested by the chair. However, in no event may a board member be compensated in any year for more than one hundred twenty days, except the chair may be compensated for not more than one hundred fifty days. Service on the board does not qualify as a service credit for the purposes of a public retirement system.
  - (3) The board shall keep proper records and is subject to audit by the state auditor or other auditing entities.
- 36 (4) The department of licensing shall provide administrative 37 support to the board, which must include at least the following:

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- 1 (a) Provide general staffing to meet the administrative needs of 2 the board;
  - (b) Report to the board on the reimbursement status of any new special license plate series for which the state had to pay the start-up costs;
    - (c) Process special license plate applications and confirm that the sponsoring organization has submitted all required documentation. If an incomplete application is received, the department must return it to the sponsoring organization;
  - (d) Compile the annual financial reports submitted by sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and present those reports to the board for review and approval.
- 13 ((<del>(5)</del> The legislative transportation committee shall provide 14 general oversight of the board, which must include at least the 15 following:
  - (a) Process and approve board member compensation requests;
- 17 (b) Review the annual financial reports submitted to the board by sponsoring organizations;
- (c) Review annually the list of the board's approved and rejected special license plate proposals submitted by sponsoring organizations.))
- 22 **Sec. 119.** RCW 46.16.725 and 2003 c 196 s 103 are each amended to 23 read as follows:
  - (1) The creation of the board does not in any way preclude the authority of the legislature to independently propose and enact special license plate legislation.
  - (2) The board must review and either approve or reject special license plate applications submitted by sponsoring organizations.
- 29 (3) Duties of the board include but are not limited to the 30 following:
- 31 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by 32 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and 33 present those annual financial reports to the ((legislative)) senate 34 and house transportation committees;
- 35 (b) Report annually to the ((legislative)) senate and house 36 transportation committees on the special license plate applications 37 that were considered by the board;

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1 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring 2 organizations, the department, the chairs of the senate and house of 3 representatives transportation committees, and the legislative sponsors 4 identified in each application. The letters must be issued within 5 seven days of making a determination on the status of an application;

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- (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The board may submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives transportation committees.
- 11 **Sec. 120.** RCW 46.73.010 and 1985 c 333 s 1 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

The Washington state patrol may adopt rules establishing standards 13 for qualifications and hours of service of drivers for private carriers 14 15 as defined by RCW 81.80.010(6). Such standards shall correlate with 16 and, as far as reasonable, conform to the regulations contained in 17 Title 49 C.F.R., Chapter 3, Subchapter B, Parts 391 and 395, on July 28, 1985. ((At least thirty days before filing notice of the proposed 18 rules with the code reviser, the state patrol shall submit them to the 19 20 legislative transportation committee for review.))

- 21 **Sec. 121.** RCW 47.01.280 and 1999 c 94 s 10 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 (1) Upon receiving an application for improvements to an existing 24 state highway or highways pursuant to RCW 43.160.074 from the community 25 economic revitalization board, the transportation commission shall, in 26 a timely manner, determine whether or not the proposed state highway 27 improvements:
- 28 (a) Meet the safety and design criteria of the department of transportation;
- 30 (b) Will impair the operational integrity of the existing highway 31 system;
- 32 (c) Will affect any other improvements planned by the department;
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- 34 (d) Will be consistent with its policies developed pursuant to RCW 35 47.01.071.

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- (2) Upon completion of its determination of the factors contained in subsection (1) of this section and any other factors it deems pertinent, the transportation commission shall forward its approval, as submitted or amended or disapproval of the proposed improvements to the board, along with any recommendation it may wish to make concerning the desirability and feasibility of the proposed development. If the transportation commission disapproves any proposed improvements, it shall specify its reasons for disapproval.
  - (3) Upon notification from the board of an application's approval pursuant to RCW 43.160.074, the transportation commission shall direct the department of transportation to carry out the improvements in coordination with the applicant.
- 13 ((<del>(4)</del> The transportation commission shall notify the legislative 14 transportation committee of all state highway improvements to be 15 carried out pursuant to RCW 43.160.074 and this section.))
- 16 **Sec. 122.** RCW 47.04.210 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 601 are each 17 amended to read as follows:

Federal funds that are administered by the department of transportation and are passed through to municipal corporations or political subdivisions of the state and moneys that are received as total reimbursement for goods, services, or projects constructed by the department of transportation are removed from the transportation budget. To process and account for these expenditures a new treasury trust account is created to be used for all department transportation one hundred percent federal and local reimbursable transportation expenditures. This new account is nonbudgeted and nonappropriated. At the same time, federal and private local appropriations and full-time equivalents in subprograms R2, R3, T6, Y6, and Z2 processed through this new account are removed from the department of transportation's 1997-99 budget.

The department of transportation may make expenditures from the account before receiving federal and local reimbursements. However, at the end of each biennium, the account must maintain a zero or positive cash balance. In the twenty-fourth month of each biennium the department of transportation shall calculate and transfer sufficient cash from either the motor vehicle fund or the multimodal transportation account to cover any negative cash balances. The amount

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transferred is calculated based on expenditures from each fund. In addition, any interest charges accruing to the new account must be distributed to the motor vehicle fund and the multimodal transportation account.

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The department of transportation shall provide an annual report to the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees and the office of financial management on expenditures and full-time equivalents processed through the new account. The report must also include recommendations for process changes, if needed.

- Sec. 123. RCW 47.04.220 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 602 are each amended to read as follows:
- 12 (1) The miscellaneous transportation programs account is created in 13 the custody of the state treasurer.
  - (2) Moneys from the account may be used only for the costs of:
  - (a) Miscellaneous transportation services provided by the department that are reimbursed by other public and private entities;
  - (b) Local transportation projects for which the department is a conduit for federal reimbursement to a municipal corporation or political subdivision; or
  - (c) Other reimbursable activities as recommended by the  $((\frac{\text{legislative}}{}))$  senate and house transportation committees and approved by the office of financial management.
  - (3) Moneys received as reimbursement for expenditures under subsection (2) of this section must be deposited into the account.
  - (4) No appropriation is required for expenditures from this account. This fund is not subject to allotment procedures provided under chapter 43.88 RCW.
  - (5) Only the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
  - (6) It is the intent of the legislature that this account maintain a zero or positive cash balance at the end of each biennium. Toward this purpose the department may make expenditures from the account before receiving reimbursements under subsection (2) of this section. Before the end of the biennium, the department shall transfer sufficient cash to cover any negative cash balances from the motor vehicle fund and the multimodal transportation account to the miscellaneous transportation programs account for unrecovered

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- 1 reimbursements. The department shall calculate the distribution of
- 2 this transfer based on expenditures. In the ensuing biennium the
- 3 department shall transfer the reimbursements received in the
- 4 miscellaneous transportation programs account back to the motor vehicle
- 5 fund and the multimodal transportation account to the extent of the
- 6 cash transferred at biennium end. The department shall also distribute
- 7 any interest charges accruing to the miscellaneous transportation
- 8 programs account to the motor vehicle fund and the multimodal
- 9 transportation account. Adjustments for any indirect cost recoveries
- 10 may also be made at this time.
- 11 (7) The department shall provide an annual report to the
- 12  $((\frac{\text{legislative}}{}))$  <u>senate and house</u> transportation committee<u>s</u> and the
- 13 office of financial management on the expenditures and full-time
- 14 equivalents processed through the miscellaneous transportation programs
- 15 account. The report must also include recommendations for changes to
- 16 the process, if needed.
- 17 Sec. 124. RCW 47.06.110 and 1996 c 186 s 512 are each amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 The state-interest component of the statewide multimodal
- 20 transportation plan shall include a state public transportation plan
- 21 that:
- 22 (1) Articulates the state vision of an interest in public
- 23 transportation and provides quantifiable objectives, including benefits
- 24 indicators;
- 25 (2) Identifies the goals for public transit and the roles of
- 26 federal, state, regional, and local entities in achieving those goals;
- 27 (3) Recommends mechanisms for coordinating state, regional, and
- 28 local planning for public transportation;
- 29 (4) Recommends mechanisms for coordinating public transportation
- 30 with other transportation services and modes;
- 31 (5) Recommends criteria, consistent with the goals identified in
- 32 subsection (2) of this section and with RCW 82.44.180 (2) and (3), for
- 33 existing federal authorizations administered by the department to
- 34 transit agencies; and
- 35 (6) Recommends a statewide public transportation facilities and
- 36 equipment management system as required by federal law.

In developing the state public transportation plan, the department shall involve local jurisdictions, public and private providers of transportation services, nonmotorized interests, and state agencies with an interest in public transportation, including but not limited to the departments of community, trade, and economic development, social and health services, and ecology, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the office of the governor, and the office of financial management.

The department shall submit ((an initial report)) to the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees by December ((1, 1993, and shall provide annual)) lst of each year, reports summarizing the plan's progress ((each year thereafter)).

- **Sec. 125.** RCW 47.06A.020 and 1999 c 216 s 1 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
- 15 (1) The board shall:

- 16 (a) Adopt rules and procedures necessary to implement the freight
  17 mobility strategic investment program;
  - (b) Solicit from public entities proposed projects that meet eligibility criteria established in accordance with subsection (4) of this section; and
  - established under this section, and prioritize and select projects comprising a portfolio to be funded in part with grants from state funds appropriated for the freight mobility strategic investment program. In determining the appropriate level of state funding for a project, the board shall ensure that state funds are allocated to leverage the greatest amount of partnership funding possible. After selecting projects comprising the portfolio, the board shall submit them as part of its budget request to the office of financial management and the legislature. The board shall ensure that projects submitted as part of the portfolio are not more appropriately funded with other federal, state, or local government funding mechanisms or programs. The board shall reject those projects that appear to improve overall general mobility with limited enhancement for freight mobility.

The board shall provide periodic progress reports on its activities to the office of financial management and the ( $(\frac{legislative}{legislative})$ ) senate and house transportation committees.

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- 2 (a) Accept from any state or federal agency, loans or grants for 3 the financing of any transportation project and enter into agreements 4 with any such agency concerning the loans or grants;
  - (b) Provide technical assistance to project applicants;
  - (c) Accept any gifts, grants, or loans of funds, property, or financial, or other aid in any form from any other source on any terms and conditions which are not in conflict with this chapter;
- 9 (d) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to carry out 10 the purposes of this chapter; and
  - (e) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted or implied under this chapter.
  - (3) The board shall designate strategic freight corridors within the state. The board shall update the list of designated strategic corridors not less than every two years, and shall establish a method of collecting and verifying data, including information on city and county-owned roadways.
  - (4) ((From June 11, 1998, through the biennium ending June 30,  $2001_{-}$ )) The board shall utilize threshold project eligibility criteria that, at a minimum, includes the following:
    - (a) The project must be on a strategic freight corridor;
    - (b) The project must meet one of the following conditions:
- 23 (i) It is primarily aimed at reducing identified barriers to 24 freight movement with only incidental benefits to general or personal 25 mobility; or
  - (ii) It is primarily aimed at increasing capacity for the movement of freight with only incidental benefits to general or personal mobility; or
- (iii) It is primarily aimed at mitigating the impact on communities of increasing freight movement, including roadway/railway conflicts; and
  - (c) The project must have a total public benefit/total public cost ratio of equal to or greater than one.
- (5) From June 11, 1998, through the biennium ending June 30, 2001, the board shall use the multicriteria analysis and scoring framework for evaluating and ranking eligible freight mobility and freight mitigation projects developed by the freight mobility project prioritization committee and contained in the January 16, 1998, report

entitled "Project Eligibility, Priority and Selection Process for a Strategic Freight Investment Program." The prioritization process shall measure the degree to which projects address important program objectives and shall generate a project score that reflects a project's priority compared to other projects. The board shall assign scoring points to each criterion that indicate the relative importance of the criterion in the overall determination of project priority. After June 30, 2001, the board may supplement and refine the initial project priority criteria and scoring framework developed by the freight mobility project prioritization committee as expertise and experience is gained in administering the freight mobility program. 

- (6) It is the intent of the legislature that each freight mobility project contained in the project portfolio submitted by the board utilize the greatest amount of nonstate funding possible. The board shall adopt rules that give preference to projects that contain the greatest levels of financial participation from nonprogram fund sources. The board shall consider twenty percent as the minimum partnership contribution, but shall also ensure that there are provisions allowing exceptions for projects that are located in areas where minimal local funding capacity exists or where the magnitude of the project makes the adopted partnership contribution financially unfeasible.
- (7) The board shall develop and recommend policies that address operational improvements that primarily benefit and enhance freight movement, including, but not limited to, policies that reduce congestion in truck lanes at border crossings and weigh stations and provide for access to ports during nonpeak hours.
- **Sec. 126.** RCW 47.10.790 and 1985 c 406 s 1 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
  - (1) In order to provide funds for the location, design, right of way, and construction of selected interstate highway improvements, there shall be issued and sold upon the request of the Washington state transportation commission, a total of one hundred million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of Washington to pay the state's share of costs for completion of state route 90 (state route 5 to state route 405) and other related state highway projects eligible for regular federal interstate funding and until December 31, 1989, to

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- temporarily pay the regular federal share of construction of completion 1 2 projects on state route 90 (state route 5 to state route 405) and other related state highway projects eligible for regular interstate funding 3 in advance of federal-aid apportionments under the provisions of 23 4 U.S.C. Secs. 115 or 122: PROVIDED, That the total amount of bonds 5 issued to temporarily pay the regular federal share of construction of 6 7 federal-aid interstate highways in advance of federal-aid apportionments as authorized by this section and RCW 47.10.801 shall 8 not exceed one hundred twenty million dollars: PROVIDED FURTHER, That 9 10 the transportation commission shall ((consult with the legislative transportation committee prior to the adoption of)) adopt plans for the 11 obligation of federal-aid apportionments received in federal fiscal 12 13 year 1985 and subsequent years to pay the regular federal share of 14 federal-aid interstate highway construction projects or to convert such apportionments under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. Secs. 115 or 122. 15
  - (2) The transportation commission((, in consultation with the legislative transportation committee,)) may at any time find and determine that any amount of the bonds authorized in subsection (1) of this section, and not then sold, are no longer required to be issued and sold for the purposes described in subsection (1) of this section.
  - (3) Any bonds authorized by subsection (1) of this section that the transportation commission determines are no longer required for the purpose of paying the cost of the designated interstate highway improvements described therein shall be issued and sold, upon the request of the Washington state transportation commission, to provide funds for the location, design, right of way, and construction of major transportation improvements throughout the state ((that are identified as category C improvements in RCW 47.05.030)).
- 29 **Sec. 127.** RCW 47.10.801 and 1999 c 94 s 13 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
  - (1) In order to provide funds necessary for the location, design, right of way, and construction of selected interstate and other state highway improvements, there shall be issued and sold, subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, upon the request of the Washington state transportation commission a total of four hundred sixty million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of Washington for the following purposes and specified sums:

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- (a) Not to exceed two hundred twenty-five million dollars to pay 1 2 the state's share of costs for federal-aid interstate highway improvements and until December 31, 1989, to temporarily pay the 3 regular federal share of construction of federal-aid interstate highway 4 improvements to complete state routes 82, 90, 182, and 705 in advance 5 of federal-aid apportionments under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. Secs. 6 7 115 or 122: PROVIDED, That the total amount of bonds issued to temporarily pay the regular federal share of construction of federal-8 aid interstate highways in advance of federal-aid apportionments as 9 authorized by this section and RCW 47.10.790 shall not exceed one 10 hundred twenty million dollars: PROVIDED FURTHER, 11 12 transportation commission shall ((consult with the legislative 13 transportation committee prior to the adoption of)) adopt plans for the 14 obligation of federal-aid apportionments received in federal fiscal year 1985 and subsequent years to pay the regular federal share of 15 federal-aid interstate highway construction projects or to convert such 16 17 apportionments under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. Secs. 115 or 122;
  - (b) Two hundred twenty-five million dollars for major transportation improvements throughout the state that are identified as category C improvements and for selected major non-interstate construction and reconstruction projects that are included as Category A Improvements ((in RCW 47.05.030));

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- (c) Ten million dollars for state highway improvements necessitated by planned economic development, as determined through the procedures set forth in RCW 43.160.074 and 47.01.280.
- (2) The amount of bonds authorized in subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be reduced if the transportation commission((, in consultation with the legislative transportation committee,)) determines that any of the bonds that have not been sold are no longer required.
- (3) The amount of bonds authorized in subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be increased by an amount not to exceed, and concurrent with, any reduction of bonds authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section in the manner prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) The transportation commission may decrease the amount of bonds authorized in subsection (1)(c) of this section and increase the amount of bonds authorized in subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section, or both by an amount equal to the decrease in subsection (1)(c) of this

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- 1 section. The transportation commission may decrease the amount of
- 2 bonds authorized in subsection (1)(c) of this section only if the
- 3 legislature appropriates an equal amount of funds from the motor
- 4 vehicle fund basic account for the purposes enumerated in subsection
- 5 (1)(c) of this section.

6 **Sec. 128.** RCW 47.10.802 and 1986 c 290 s 1 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 Upon request being made by the transportation commission, the state 9 finance committee shall supervise and provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of the bonds authorized by RCW 47.10.801 in accordance 10 with chapter 39.42 RCW. The amount of such bonds issued and sold under 11 12 RCW 47.10.801 through 47.10.809 in any biennium may not exceed the amount of a specific appropriation therefor. Such bonds may be sold 13 from time to time in such amounts as may be necessary for the orderly 14 15 progress of the state highway improvements specified in RCW 47.10.801. 16 The amount of bonds issued and sold under RCW 47.10.801(1)(a) in any 17 biennium shall not, except as provided in that section, exceed the amount required to match federal-aid interstate funds available to the 18 19 state of Washington. ((The transportation commission shall give notice 20 of its intent to sell bonds to the legislative transportation committee 21 before requesting the state finance committee to issue and sell bonds authorized by RCW 47.10.801(1)(a).)) The bonds shall be sold in such 22 23 manner, at such time or times, in such amounts, and at such price or prices as the state finance committee shall determine. The state 24 25 finance committee may obtain insurance, letters of credit, or other 26 credit facility devices with respect to the bonds and may authorize the execution and delivery of agreements, promissory notes, and other 27 obligations for the purpose of insuring the payment or enhancing the 28 marketability of the bonds. Promissory notes or other obligations 29 30 issued under this section shall not constitute a debt or the 31 contracting of indebtedness under any constitutional or statutory indebtedness limitation if their payment is conditioned upon the 32 failure of the state to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds 33 34 with respect to which the promissory notes or other obligations relate. 35 The state finance committee may authorize the issuance of short-term 36 obligations in lieu of long-term obligations for the purposes of more

- 1 favorable interest rates, lower total interest costs, and increased
- 2 marketability and for the purposes of retiring the bonds during the
- 3 life of the project for which they were issued.

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- 4 **Sec. 129.** RCW 47.17.850 and 1984 c 7 s 139 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 legislative transportation committee, the house and senate transportation committees, and the department shall undertake appropriate studies to evaluate state route number 906 to determine whether or not it should permanently remain on the state system.))
- 17 **Sec. 130.** RCW 47.26.167 and 1991 c 342 s 62 are each amended to read as follows:
  - The legislature recognizes the need for a multijurisdictional body to review future requests for jurisdictional transfers. The board is hereby directed, beginning September 1, 1991, to receive petitions from cities, counties, or the state requesting any addition or deletion from the state highway system. The board is required to utilize the criteria established in RCW 47.17.001 in evaluating petitions and to adopt rules for implementation of this process. The board shall forward to the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees by November 15 each year any recommended jurisdictional transfers.
- 29 **Sec. 131.** RCW 47.26.170 and 1994 c 179 s 16 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- Each county having within its boundaries an urban area and cities and towns shall prepare and submit to the transportation improvement board arterial inventory data required to determine the long-range arterial construction needs. The counties, cities, and towns shall revise the arterial inventory data every four years to show the current

- 1 arterial construction needs through the advanced planning period, and
- 2 as revised shall submit them to the transportation improvement board
- 3 during the first week of January every four years beginning in 1996.
- 4 The inventory data shall be prepared pursuant to guidelines established
- 5 by the transportation improvement board. As information is updated, it
- 6 shall be made available to the commission ((and the legislative
- 7 transportation committee)).

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- 8 **Sec. 132.** RCW 47.46.030 and 2002 c 114 s 3 are each amended to 9 read as follows:
  - (1) The secretary or a designee shall solicit proposals from, and negotiate and enter into agreements with, private entities to undertake as appropriate, together with the department and other public entities, all or a portion of the study, planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transportation systems and facilities, using in whole or in part public or private sources of financing.
  - The public-private initiatives program may develop up to six demonstration projects. Each proposal shall be weighed on its own merits, and each of the six agreements shall be negotiated individually, and as a stand-alone project.
  - (2) If project proposals selected prior to September 1, 1994, are terminated by the public or private sectors, the department shall not select any new projects, including project proposals submitted to the department prior to September 1, 1994, and designated by the transportation commission as placeholder projects, after June 16, 1995, until June 30, 1997.
  - The department, in consultation with the legislative transportation committee, shall conduct a program and fiscal audit of the public-private initiatives program for the biennium ending June 30, 1997. The department shall submit a progress report to the legislative transportation committee on the program and fiscal audit by June 30, 1996, with preliminary and final audit reports due December 1, 1996, and June 30, 1997, respectively.
- 33 The department shall develop and submit a proposed public 34 involvement plan to the 1997 legislature to identify the process for 35 selecting new potential projects and the associated costs of 36 implementing the plan. The legislature must adopt the public 37 involvement plan before the department may proceed with any activity

related to project identification and selection. Following legislative adoption of the public involvement plan, the department is authorized to implement the plan and to identify potential new projects.

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The public involvement plan for projects selected after June 30, 1997, shall, at a minimum, identify projects that: (a) Have the potential of achieving overall public support among users of the projects, residents of communities in the vicinity of the projects, and residents of communities impacted by the projects; (b) meet a state transportation need; (c) provide a significant state benefit; and (d) provide competition among proposers and maximum cost benefits to users. Prospective projects may include projects identified by the department or submitted by the private sector.

Projects that meet the minimum criteria established under this section and the requirements of the public involvement plan developed by the department and approved by the legislature shall be submitted to the Washington state transportation commission for its review. ((The commission, in turn, shall submit a list of eligible projects to the legislative transportation committee for its consideration.)) Forty-five days after the submission to the ((legislative transportation committee)) commission of the list of eligible projects, the secretary is authorized to solicit proposals for the eligible project.

- (3) Prior to entering into agreements with private entities under the requirements of RCW 47.46.040 for any project proposal selected before September 1, 1994, or after June 30, 1997, except as provided for in subsections (((12))) (11) and (((13))) (12) of this section, the department shall require an advisory vote as provided under subsections (5) through (((10))) (9) of this section.
- (4) The advisory vote shall apply to project proposals selected prior to September 1, 1994, or after June 30, 1997, that receive public opposition as demonstrated by the submission to the department of original petitions bearing at least five thousand signatures of individuals opposing the project collected and submitted in accordance with the dates established in subsections (((12))) (11) and ((13))) (12) of this section. The advisory vote shall be on the preferred alternative identified under the requirements of chapter 43.21C RCW and, if applicable, the national environmental policy act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. The execution by the department of the advisory vote process established in this section is subject to the prior

appropriation of funds by the legislature for the purpose of conducting environmental impact studies, a public involvement program, local involvement committee activities, traffic and economic impact analyses, engineering and technical studies, and the advisory vote.

- (5) In preparing for the advisory vote, the department shall conduct a comprehensive analysis of traffic patterns and economic impact to define the geographical boundary of the project area that is affected by the imposition of tolls or user fees authorized under this The area so defined is referred to in this section as the affected project area. In defining the affected project area, the department shall, at a minimum, undertake: (a) A comparison of the estimated percentage of residents of communities in the vicinity of the project and in other communities impacted by the project who could be subject to tolls or user fees and the estimated percentage of other users and transient traffic that could be subject to tolls or user fees; (b) an analysis of the anticipated traffic diversion patterns; (c) an analysis of the potential economic impact resulting from proposed toll rates or user fee rates imposed on residents, commercial traffic, and commercial entities in communities in the vicinity of and impacted by the project; (d) an analysis of the economic impact of tolls or user fees on the price of goods and services generally; and (e) an analysis of the relationship of the project to state transportation needs and benefits.
- (6)(a) After determining the definition of the affected project area, the department shall establish a committee comprised of individuals who represent cities and counties in the affected project area; organizations formed to support or oppose the project; and users of the project. The committee shall be named the public-private local involvement committee, and be known as the local involvement committee.
- (b) The members of the local involvement committee shall be: (i) An elected official from each city within the affected project area; (ii) an elected official from each county within the affected project area; (iii) two persons from each county within the affected project area who represent an organization formed in support of the project, if the organization exists; (iv) two persons from each county within the affected project area who represent an organization formed to oppose the project, if the organization exists; and (v) four public members active in a statewide transportation organization. If the committee

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makeup results in an even number of committee members, there shall be an additional appointment of an elected official from the county in which all, or the greatest portion of the project is located.

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- (c) City and county elected officials shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the city or county legislative authorities of each city or county within the affected project area, respectively. The county legislative authority of each county within the affected project area shall identify and validate organizations officially formed in support of or in opposition to the project and shall make the appointments required under this section from a list submitted by the chair of the organizations. Public members shall be appointed by the governor. All appointments to the local involvement committee shall be made and submitted to the department of transportation no later than January 1, 1996, for projects selected prior to September 1, 1994, and no later than thirty days after the affected project area is defined for projects selected after June 30, 1997. Vacancies in the membership of the local involvement committee shall be filled by the appointing authority under (b)(i) through (v) of this subsection for each position on the committee.
  - (d) The local involvement committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the department on all matters related to the execution of the advisory vote.
  - (e) Members of the local involvement committee serve without compensation and may not receive subsistence, lodging expenses, or travel expenses.
  - (7) The department shall conduct a minimum thirty-day public comment period on the definition of the geographical boundary of the project area. The department, in consultation with the local involvement committee, shall make adjustments, if required, to the definition of the geographical boundary of the affected project area, based on comments received from the public. Within fourteen calendar days after the public comment period, the department shall set the boundaries of the affected project area in units no smaller than a precinct as defined in RCW ((29.01.120)) 29A.04.121.
  - (8) The department, in consultation with the local involvement committee, shall develop a description for selected project proposals. After developing the description of the project proposal, the department shall publish the project proposal description in newspapers

of general circulation for seven calendar days in the affected project area. Within fourteen calendar days after the last day of the publication of the project proposal description, the department shall transmit a copy of the map depicting the affected project area and the description of the project proposal to the county auditor of the county in which any portion of the affected project area is located.

(9) ((The department shall provide the legislative transportation committee with progress reports on the status of the definition of the affected project area and the description of the project proposal.

(10))) Upon receipt of the map and the description of the project proposal, the county auditor shall, within thirty days, verify the precincts that are located within the affected project area. county auditor shall prepare the text identifying and describing the affected project area and the project proposal using the definition of the geographical boundary of the affected project area and the project description submitted by the department and shall set an election date for the submission of a ballot proposition authorizing the imposition of tolls or user fees to implement the proposed project within the affected project area, which date may be the next succeeding general election to be held in the state, or at a special election, if requested by the department. The text of the project proposal must appear in a voter's pamphlet for the affected project area. The department shall pay the costs of publication and distribution. special election date must be the next date for a special election provided under RCW ((29.13.020)) 29A.04.330 that is at least sixty days but, if authorized under RCW ((29.13.020)) 29A.04.330, no more than ninety days after the receipt of the final map and project description by the auditor. The department shall pay the cost of an election held under this section.

 $((\frac{11}{11}))$   $(\underline{10})$  Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may contract with a private developer of a selected project proposal to conduct environmental impact studies, a public involvement program, and engineering and technical studies funded by the legislature. For projects subject to this subsection, the department shall not enter into an agreement under RCW 47.46.040 prior to the advisory vote on the preferred alternative.

 $((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11) Subsections (5) through  $((\frac{10}{10}))$  (9) of this section shall not apply to project proposals selected prior to September 1,

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1994, that have no organized public opposition as demonstrated by the submission to the department of original petitions bearing at least five thousand signatures of individuals opposing the project, collected and submitted after September 1, 1994, and by thirty calendar days after June 16, 1995.

 $((\frac{(13)}{(12)}))$  Subsections (5) through  $((\frac{(10)}{(10)}))$  of this section shall not apply to project proposals selected after June 30, 1997, that have no organized public opposition as demonstrated by the submission to the department of original petitions bearing at least five thousand signatures of individuals opposing the project, collected and submitted by ninety calendar days after project selection.

- **Sec. 133.** RCW 47.46.040 and 2002 c 114 s 16 are each amended to 13 read as follows:
  - (1) The secretary or a designee shall consult with legal, financial, and other experts within and outside state government in the negotiation and development of the agreements.
  - (2) Agreements may provide for private ownership of the projects during the construction period. After completion and final acceptance of each project or discrete segment thereof, the agreement may provide for state ownership of the transportation systems and facilities and lease to the private entity unless the state elects to provide for ownership of the facility by the private entity during the term of the agreement.

The state may lease each of the demonstration projects, or applicable project segments, to the private entities for operating purposes for up to fifty years.

(3) The department may exercise any power possessed by it to facilitate the development, construction, financing operation, and maintenance of transportation projects under this section. Agreements for maintenance services entered into under this section shall provide for full reimbursement for services rendered by the department or other state agencies. Agreements for police services for projects, involving state highway routes, developed under agreements shall be entered into with the Washington state patrol. The agreement for police services shall provide that the state patrol will be reimbursed for costs on a comparable basis with the costs incurred for comparable service on other state highway routes. The department may provide services for

which it is reimbursed, including but not limited to preliminary planning, environmental certification, and preliminary design of the demonstration projects.

- (4) The plans and specifications for each project constructed under this section shall comply with the department's standards for state projects. A facility constructed by and leased to a private entity is deemed to be a part of the state highway system for purposes of identification, maintenance, and enforcement of traffic laws and for the purposes of applicable sections of this title. Upon reversion of the facility to the state, the project must meet all applicable state standards. Agreements shall address responsibility for reconstruction or renovations that are required in order for a facility to meet all applicable state standards upon reversion of the facility to the state.
- (5) For the purpose of facilitating these projects and to assist the private entity in the financing, development, construction, and operation of the transportation systems and facilities, the agreements may include provisions for the department to exercise its authority, including the lease of facilities, rights of way, and airspace, exercise of the power of eminent domain, granting of development rights and opportunities, granting of necessary easements and rights of access, issuance of permits and other authorizations, protection from competition, remedies in the event of default of either of the parties, granting of contractual and real property rights, liability during construction and the term of the lease, authority to negotiate acquisition of rights of way in excess of appraised value, and any other provision deemed necessary by the secretary.
- (6) The agreements entered into under this section may include provisions authorizing the state to grant necessary easements and lease to a private entity existing rights of way or rights of way subsequently acquired with public or private financing. The agreements may also include provisions to lease to the entity airspace above or below the right of way associated or to be associated with the private entity's transportation facility. In consideration for the reversion rights in these privately constructed facilities, the department may negotiate a charge for the lease of airspace rights during the term of the agreement for a period not to exceed fifty years. If, after the expiration of this period, the department continues to lease these airspace rights to the private entity, it shall do so only at fair

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market value. The agreement may also provide the private entity the right of first refusal to undertake projects utilizing airspace owned by the state in the vicinity of the public-private project.

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- (7) Agreements under this section may include any contractual provision that is necessary to protect the project revenues required to repay the costs incurred to study, plan, design, finance, acquire, build, install, operate, enforce laws, and maintain toll highways, bridges, and tunnels and which will not unreasonably inhibit or prohibit the development of additional public transportation systems and facilities. Agreements under this section must secure and maintain liability insurance coverage in amounts appropriate to protect the project's viability and may address state indemnification of the private entity for design and construction liability where the state has approved relevant design and construction plans.
  - (8) Agreements entered into under this section shall include a process that provides for public involvement in decision making with respect to the development of the projects.
  - (9)(a) In carrying out the public involvement process required in subsection (8) of this section, the private entity shall proactively seek public participation through a process appropriate to the characteristics of the project that assesses and demonstrates public support among: Users of the project, residents of communities in the vicinity of the project, and residents of communities impacted by the project.
  - (b) The private entity shall conduct a comprehensive public involvement process that provides, periodically throughout the development and implementation of the project, users and residents of communities in the affected project area an opportunity to comment upon key issues regarding the project including, but not limited to: (i) Alternative sizes and scopes; (ii) design; (iii) environmental assessment; (iv) right of way and access plans; (v) traffic impacts; (vi) tolling or user fee strategies and tolling or user fee ranges; (vii) project cost; (viii) construction impacts; (ix) facility operation; and (x) any other salient characteristics.
  - (c) If the affected project area has not been defined, the private entity shall define the affected project area by conducting, at a minimum: (i) A comparison of the estimated percentage of residents of communities in the vicinity of the project and in other communities

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impacted by the project who could be subject to tolls or user fees and 1 2 the estimated percentage of other users and transient traffic that could be subject to tolls or user fees; (ii) an analysis of the 3 anticipated traffic diversion patterns; (iii) an analysis of the 4 5 potential economic impact resulting from proposed toll rates or user fee rates imposed on residents, commercial traffic, and commercial 7 entities in communities in the vicinity of and impacted by the project; (iv) an analysis of the economic impact of tolls or user fees on the 8 price of goods and services generally; and (v) an analysis of the relationship of the project to state transportation needs and benefits.

The agreement may require an advisory vote by users of and residents in the affected project area.

- (d) In seeking public participation, the private entity shall establish a local involvement committee or committees comprised of residents of the affected project area, individuals who represent cities and counties in the affected project area, organizations formed to support or oppose the project, if such organizations exist, and users of the project. The private entity shall, at a minimum, establish a committee as required under the specifications of RCW 47.46.030(6)(b) (ii) and (iii) and appointments to such committee shall be made no later than thirty days after the project area is defined.
- (e) Local involvement committees shall act in an advisory capacity to the department and the private entity on all issues related to the development and implementation of the public involvement process established under this section.
- (f) The department and the private entity shall provide the ((<del>legislative transportation committee and</del>)) local involvement committees with progress reports on the status of involvement process including the results of an advisory vote, if any occurs.
- 31 (10) Nothing in this chapter limits the right of the secretary and 32 his or her agents to render such advice and to make recommendations as they deem to be in the best interests of the state 33 and the public. 34
- **Sec. 134.** RCW 79A.05.125 and 1999 c 301 s 3 are each amended to 35 36 read as follows:
- 37 (1) The department of transportation shall negotiate a franchise

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- with a rail carrier to establish and maintain a rail line over portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor owned by the state between Ellensburg and Lind. The department of transportation may negotiate such a franchise with any qualified rail carrier. Criteria for negotiating the franchise and establishing the right of way include:
  - (a) Assurances that resources from the franchise will be sufficient to compensate the state for use of the property, including completion of a cross-state trail between Easton and the Idaho border;
- 9 (b) Types of payment for use of the franchise, including payment 10 for the use of federally granted trust lands in the transportation 11 corridor;
  - (c) Standards for maintenance of the line;

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- (d) Provisions ensuring that both the conventional and intermodal rail service needs of local shippers are met. Such accommodations may comprise agreements with the franchisee to offer or maintain adequate service or to provide service by other carriers at commercially reasonable rates;
- (e) Provisions requiring the franchisee, upon reasonable request of any other rail operator, to provide rail service and interchange freight over what is commonly known as the Stampede Pass rail line from Cle Elum to Auburn at commercially reasonable rates;
- (f) If any part of the franchise agreement is invalidated by actions or rulings of the federal surface transportation board or a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of the franchise agreement are not affected;
  - (q) Compliance with environmental standards; and
  - (h) Provisions for insurance and the coverage of liability.
- 28 (2) The franchise may provide for periodic review of financial 29 arrangements under the franchise.
  - (3) The department of transportation, in consultation with the parks and recreation commission and the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees, shall negotiate the terms of the franchise, and shall present the agreement to the parks and recreation commission for approval of as to terms and provisions affecting the cross-state trail or affecting the commission.
- 36 (4) This section expires July 1, 2006, if the department of 37 transportation does not enter into a franchise agreement for a rail 38 line over portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor by July 1, 2006.

1 **Sec. 135.** RCW 81.80.395 and 1988 c 138 s 1 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

The Washington utilities and transportation commission may enter 3 into an agreement or arrangement with a duly authorized representative 4 of the state of Idaho, for the purpose of granting to operators of 5 commercial vehicles that are properly registered in the state of Idaho, 6 7 the privilege of operating their vehicles in this state within a designated area near the border of their state without the need for 8 registration as required by chapter 81.80 RCW if the state of Idaho 9 10 grants a similar privilege to operators of commercial vehicles from The initial designated area shall be limited to state 11 this state. route 195 from the Idaho border to Lewiston, and SR 12 from Lewiston to 12 13 Clarkston. ((The utilities and transportation commission shall submit 14 other proposed reciprocal agreements in designated border areas to the 15 legislative transportation committee for approval.))

16 **Sec. 136.** RCW 81.104.110 and 1998 c 245 s 165 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature recognizes that the planning processes described in RCW 81.104.100 provide a recognized framework for guiding high capacity transportation studies. However, the process cannot guarantee appropriate decisions unless key study assumptions are reasonable.

To assure appropriate system plan assumptions and to provide for review of system plan results, an expert review panel shall be appointed to provide independent technical review for development of any system plan which is to be funded in whole or in part by the imposition of any voter-approved local option funding sources enumerated in RCW 81.104.140.

- (1) The expert review panel shall consist of five to ten members who are recognized experts in relevant fields, such as transit operations, planning, emerging transportation technologies, engineering, finance, law, the environment, geography, economics, and political science.
- 33 (2) The expert review panel shall be selected cooperatively by the 34 chairs of the ((<del>legislative</del>)) senate and house transportation 35 committees, the secretary of the department of transportation, and the 36 governor to assure a balance of disciplines. In the case of counties

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adjoining another state or Canadian province the expert review panel membership shall be selected cooperatively with representatives of the adjoining state or Canadian province.

- (3) The chair of the expert review panel shall be designated by the appointing authorities.
- (4) The expert review panel shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses according to ((chapter 43.03)) RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Reimbursement shall be paid from within the existing resources of the local authority planning under this chapter.
- (5) The panel shall carry out the duties set forth in subsections (6) and (7) of this section until the date on which an election is held to consider the high capacity transportation system and financing plans. ((Funds appropriated for expenses of the expert panel shall be administered by the department of transportation.))
- 15 (6) The expert panel shall review all reports required in RCW 81.104.100(2) and shall concentrate on service modes and concepts, costs, patronage and financing evaluations.
  - (7) The expert panel shall provide timely reviews and comments on individual reports and study conclusions to the department of transportation, the regional transportation planning organization, the joint regional policy committee, and the submitting lead transit agency. In the case of counties adjoining another state or Canadian province, the expert review panel shall provide its reviews, comments, and conclusions to the representatives of the adjoining state or Canadian province.
  - (8) The ((legislative transportation committee)) local authority planning under this chapter shall contract for consulting services for expert review panels. The amount of consultant support shall be negotiated with each expert review panel by the ((legislative transportation committee)) local authority and shall be paid from ((appropriations for that purpose from the high capacity transportation account)) within the local authority's existing resources.
- **Sec. 137.** RCW 82.33.020 and 1992 c 231 s 34 are each amended to read as follows:
- 35 (1) Four times each year the supervisor shall prepare, subject to 36 the approval of the economic and revenue forecast council under RCW 37 82.33.010:

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- (a) An official state economic and revenue forecast;
- (b) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on optimistic economic and revenue projections; and
- (c) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on pessimistic economic and revenue projections.
- (2) The supervisor shall submit forecasts prepared under this section, along with any unofficial forecasts provided under RCW 82.33.010, to the governor and the members of the committees on ways and means and the chairs of the committees on transportation of the senate and house of representatives ((and the chair of the legislative transportation committee)), including one copy to the staff of each of the committees, on or before November 20th, February 20th in the even-numbered years, March 20th in the odd-numbered years, June 20th, and September 20th. All forecasts shall include both estimated receipts and estimated revenues in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles as provided by RCW 43.88.037.
- (3) All agencies of state government shall provide to the supervisor immediate access to all information relating to economic and revenue forecasts. Revenue collection information shall be available to the supervisor the first business day following the conclusion of each collection period.
- (4) The economic and revenue forecast supervisor and staff shall co-locate and share information, data, and files with the tax research section of the department of revenue but shall not duplicate the duties and functions of one another.
- 26 (5) As part of its forecasts under subsection (1) of this section, 27 the supervisor shall provide estimated revenue from tuition fees as 28 defined in RCW 28B.15.020.
- **Sec. 138.** RCW 82.70.060 and 2003 c 364 s 6 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

The commute trip reduction task force shall determine the effectiveness of the tax credit under RCW 82.70.020, the grant program in RCW 70.94.996, and the relative effectiveness of the tax credit and the grant program as part of its ongoing evaluation of the commute trip reduction law and report to the ((legislative)) senate and house transportation committees and to the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate. The report must include information on

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- 2 funding between the tax credit program and the grant program. The
- 3 report must be incorporated into the recommendations required in RCW
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- 5 **Sec. 139.** RCW 82.80.070 and 2002 c 56 s 413 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (1) The proceeds collected pursuant to the exercise of the local option authority of RCW 82.80.010, ((82.80.020,)) 82.80.030, and 8 82.80.050 (hereafter called "local option transportation revenues") 9 shall be used for transportation purposes only, including but not 10 11 limited to the following: The operation and preservation of roads, streets, and other transportation improvements; new construction, 12 reconstruction, and expansion of city streets, county roads, and state 13 highways and other transportation improvements; development and 14 15 implementation of public transportation and high-capacity transit 16 improvements and programs; and planning, design, and acquisition of 17 right of way and sites for such transportation purposes. The proceeds collected from excise taxes on the sale, distribution, or use of motor 18 vehicle fuel and special fuel under RCW 82.80.010 shall be used 19 20 exclusively for "highway purposes" as that term is construed in Article 21 II, section 40 of the state Constitution.
  - (2) The local option transportation revenues shall be expended for transportation uses consistent with the adopted transportation and land use plans of the jurisdiction expending the funds and consistent with any applicable and adopted regional transportation plan for metropolitan planning areas.
  - (3) Each local government with a population greater than eight thousand that levies or expends local option transportation funds, is also required to develop and adopt a specific transportation program that contains the following elements:
  - (a) The program shall identify the geographic boundaries of the entire area or areas within which local option transportation revenues will be levied and expended.
- 34 (b) The program shall be based on an adopted transportation plan 35 for the geographic areas covered and shall identify the proposed 36 operation and construction of transportation improvements and services

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- in the designated plan area intended to be funded in whole or in part by local option transportation revenues and shall identify the annual costs applicable to the program.
  - (c) The program shall indicate how the local transportation plan is coordinated with applicable transportation plans for the region and for adjacent jurisdictions.
  - (d) The program shall include at least a six-year funding plan, updated annually, identifying the specific public and private sources and amounts of revenue necessary to fund the program. The program shall include a proposed schedule for construction of projects and expenditure of revenues. The funding plan shall consider the additional local tax revenue estimated to be generated by new development within the plan area if all or a portion of the additional revenue is proposed to be earmarked as future appropriations for transportation improvements in the program.
  - (4) Local governments with a population greater than eight thousand exercising the authority for local option transportation funds shall periodically review and update their transportation program to ensure that it is consistent with applicable local and regional transportation and land use plans and within the means of estimated public and private revenue available.
  - (5) In the case of expenditure for new or expanded transportation facilities, improvements, and services, priorities in the use of local option transportation revenues shall be identified in the transportation program and expenditures shall be made based upon the following criteria, which are stated in descending order of weight to be attributed:
    - (a) First, the project serves a multijurisdictional function;
- 29 (b) Second, it is necessitated by existing or reasonably 30 foreseeable congestion;
  - (c) Third, it has the greatest person-carrying capacity;
  - (d) Fourth, it is partially funded by other government funds, such as from the state transportation improvement board, or by private sector contributions, such as those from the local transportation act, chapter 39.92 RCW; and
- (e) Fifth, it meets such other criteria as the local government determines is appropriate.

(6) It is the intent of the legislature that as a condition of levying, receiving, and expending local option transportation revenues, no local government agency use the revenues to replace, divert, or loan any revenues currently being used for transportation purposes to nontransportation purposes. ((The association of Washington cities and the Washington state association of counties, in consultation with the legislative transportation committee, shall study the issue of nondiversion and make recommendations to the legislative transportation committee for language implementing the intent of this section by December 1, 1990.))

- (7) Local governments are encouraged to enter into interlocal agreements to jointly develop and adopt with other local governments the transportation programs required by this section for the purpose of accomplishing regional transportation planning and development.
- (8) Local governments may use all or a part of the local option transportation revenues for the amortization of local government general obligation and revenue bonds issued for transportation purposes consistent with the requirements of this section.
- (9) Subsections (1) through (8) of this section do not apply to a regional transportation investment district imposing a tax or fee under the local option authority of this chapter. Proceeds collected under the exercise of local option authority under this chapter by a district must be used in accordance with chapter 36.120 RCW.
- Sec. 140. RCW 90.03.525 and 1996 c 285 s 1 and 1996 c 230 s 1617 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) The rate charged by a local government utility to the department of transportation with respect to state highway right of way or any section of state highway right of way for the construction, operation, and maintenance of storm water control facilities under chapters 35.67, 35.92, 36.89, 36.94, 57.08, and 86.15 RCW, shall be thirty percent of the rate for comparable real property, except as otherwise provided in this section. The rate charged to the department with respect to state highway right of way or any section of state highway right of way within a local government utility's jurisdiction shall not, however, exceed the rate charged for comparable city street or county road right of way within the same jurisdiction. The legislature finds that the aforesaid rates are presumptively fair and

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- equitable because of the traditional and continuing expenditures of the department of transportation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of storm water control facilities designed to control surface water or storm water runoff from state highway rights of way.
- (2) Charges paid under subsection (1) of this section by the department of transportation must be used solely for storm water control facilities that directly reduce state highway runoff impacts or implementation of best management practices that will reduce the need for such facilities. By January 1st of each year, beginning with calendar year 1997, the local government utility, in coordination with the department, shall develop a plan for the expenditure of the charges for that calendar year. The plan must be consistent with the objectives identified in RCW 90.78.010. In addition, beginning with the submittal for 1998, the utility shall provide a progress report on the use of charges assessed for the prior year. No charges may be paid until the plan and report have been submitted to the department.
- The utility imposing the charge and the department transportation may, however, agree to either higher or lower rates with respect to the construction, operation, or maintenance of any specific storm water control facilities based upon the annual plan prescribed in subsection (2) of this section. ((If a different rate is agreed to, a report so stating shall be submitted to the legislative transportation committee.)) If, after mediation, the local government utility and the department of transportation cannot agree upon the proper rate, ((and after a report has been submitted to the legislative transportation committee and after ninety days from submission of such report,)) either may commence an action in the superior court for the county in which the state highway right of way is located to establish the proper The court in establishing the proper rate shall take into account the extent and adequacy of storm water control facilities constructed by the department and the actual benefits to the sections of state highway rights of way from storm water control facilities constructed, operated, and maintained by the local government utility. Control of surface water runoff and storm water runoff from state highway rights of way shall be deemed an actual benefit to the state highway rights of way. The rate for sections of state highway right of way as determined by the court shall be set forth in terms of the

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- percentage of the rate for comparable real property, but shall in no event exceed the rate charged for comparable city street or county road right of way within the same jurisdiction.
- (4) The legislature finds that the federal clean water act 4 5 (national ((pollution [pollutant])) pollutant discharge elimination system, 40 C.F.R. parts 122-124), the state water pollution control 6 7 act, chapter 90.48 RCW, and the highway runoff program under chapter ((90.70))  $\underline{90.71}$  RCW, mandate the treatment and control of storm water 8 9 runoff from state highway rights of way owned by the department of 10 Appropriations made by the legislature to the transportation. 11 department of transportation for the construction, operation, and 12 maintenance of storm water control facilities are intended to address 13 applicable federal and state mandates related to storm water control 14 and treatment. This section is not intended to limit opportunities for sharing the costs of storm water improvements between cities, counties, 15 16 and the state.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 141. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
- 19 (1) RCW 44.40.010 (Creation--Composition--Appointments-20 Vacancies--Rules) and 1999 sp.s. c 1 s 616, 1980 c 87 s 39, 1971 ex.s.
  21 c 195 s 1, 1967 ex.s. c 145 s 68, 1965 ex.s. c 170 s 64, & 1963 ex.s.
- 22 c 3 s 35;
- 23 (2) RCW 44.40.013 (Administration) and 2001 c 259 s 5;
- 24 (3) RCW 44.40.015 (Executive committee--Selection--Duties) and 2001 25 c 259 s 6 & 1999 sp.s. c 1 s 617;
- 26 (4) RCW 44.40.030 (Participation in activities of other 27 organizations) and 1982 c 227 s 17, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 7, 1971 ex.s. c 28 195 s 3, & 1963 ex.s. c 3 s 38;
- 29 (5) RCW 44.40.040 (Members' allowances--Procedure for payment of 30 committee's expenses) and 2001 c 259 s 7, 1979 c 151 s 157, 1977 ex.s.
- 31 c 235 s 8, 1975 1st ex.s. c 268 s 3, 1971 ex.s. c 195 s 4, & 1963 ex.s.
- 32 c 3 s 39;
- 33 (6) RCW 44.40.090 (Delegation of powers and duties to senate and house transportation committees) and 2001 c 259 s 8, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 10, & 1973 1st ex.s. c 210 s 2;
- 36 (7) RCW 44.40.140 (Review of policy on fees imposed on nonpolluting fuels--Report) and 1983 c 212 s 2;

- 1 (8) RCW 44.40.150 (Study--Recommendations for consideration--2 Staffing) and 1998 c 245 s 88 & 1989 1st ex.s. c 6 s 14;
- 3 (9) RCW 44.40.161 (Audit review of transportation-related agencies) 4 and 2003 c 362 s 16;
- 5 (10) RCW 53.08.350 (Moratorium on runway construction or extension, 6 or initiation of new service--Certain counties affected) and 1992 c 190 7 s 2;
- 8 (11) RCW 44.40.020 (Powers, duties, and studies) and 1996 c 129 s 9, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 5, 1975 1st ex.s. c 268 s 1, & 1963 ex.s. c 3 s 10 36;
- 11 (12) RCW 44.40.070 (State transportation agencies--Comprehensive 12 programs and financial plans) and 1998 c 245 s 87, 1988 c 167 s 10, 13 1979 ex.s. c 192 s 3, 1979 c 158 s 112, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 9, & 1973 14 1st ex.s. c 201 s 1;
- 15 (13) RCW 44.40.080 (State transportation agencies--Recommended 16 budget--Preparation and presentation--Contents) and 1973 1st ex.s. c 17 201 s 2;
- 18 (14) RCW 44.40.100 (Contracts and programs authorized) and 2001 c 19 259 s 9, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 11, 1975 1st ex.s. c 268 s 7, & 1973 1st 20 ex.s. c 210 s 3;
- 21 (15) RCW 46.23.040 (Review of agreement by legislative 22 transportation committee) and 1982 c 212 s 4;
- 23 (16) RCW 47.01.145 (Study reports available to legislators upon 24 request) and 1984 c 7 s 76, 1971 ex.s. c 195 s 6, & 1967 ex.s. c 145 s 25 78;
- 26 (17) RCW 47.05.090 (Application of 1993 c 490--Deviations) and 1993 c 490 s 6;
- 28 (18) RCW 47.12.360 (Advanced environmental mitigation--Reports) and 29 1997 c 140 s 5;
- 30 (19) RCW 47.76.340 (Evaluating program performance) and 1993 c 224 s 13 & 1990 c 43 s 8;
- 32 (20) RCW 47.74.010 (Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement 33 enacted, terms) and 1983 c 82 s 1; and
- 34 (21) RCW 47.74.020 (Appointment of delegates to represent state) 35 and 1983 c 82 s 2.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 142. Part headings used in this act are no part of the law.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 143. (1) RCW 44.40.120 is recodified as a section in chapter 44.04 RCW.
- 3 (2) RCW 44.40.025 is recodified as a section in chapter 43.88 RCW.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 144.** Sections 12 and 13 of this act are each 5 added to chapter 44.04 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 145. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2005, except for section 103 of this act which takes effect July 1, 2006.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 146. Section 138 of this act expires July 1, 2013.

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