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I have reached my conclusions on the appropriateness of retaining sections 7 and 8 based on several considerations. First of all, it is the Legislature which authorizes these special purpose hotel taxes that local governments may levy. Further, one of the two special hotel taxes at issue is Bellevue's 2% levy, which is a credit against the state's 6.5% sales tax. In this case, the state is authorizing Bellevue to collect a local tax which would otherwise be revenue to the State General Fund. Also, the Legislature has modified the local authority to levy these taxes, or has imposed new conditions on their use, frequently since original enactment twenty years ago. The most recent such change prior to this year was during the 1986 session. The Legislature then modified King County's authority to use proceeds from its 2% hotel tax, which is also a credit against the state sales tax, in order to provide subsidies in the Kingdome's leases with professional sports teams. Other new conditions were also imposed. In this later instance, the Legislature became highly sensitized to the issue of public subsidies to professional sports franchises through lease concessions in publicly—owned facilities.

I also have concerns about the potential impact a new taxpayer-financed arena would have on other existing taxpayer-financed facilities in the region. I also concur with the Sonics professional basketball team, whose officers have said that, should they decide they need a new facility, they would prefer to develop one as a totally private venture.

Bellevue officials have indicated that they may pursue construction of such a facility in spite of the prohibitions in sections 7 and 8 in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5901. However, I am encouraged that discussions on this issue are involving public officials from throughout the region to consider the regional impact of such a decision. The parties at interest may need to bring this issue back before the Legislature next year.

With the exception of section 10, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5901 is approved."

## **CHAPTER 9**

# [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6016] TRANSPORTATION REVENUE AND TAXATION

AN ACT Relating to transportation revenue and taxation; amending RCW 46.29.050, 46.52.130, 46.16.060, 46.16.070, 82.44.020, 82.02.030, and 82.44.110; reenacting and amending RCW 82.44.150, 82.08.0255, and 82.12.0256; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

- Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 169, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 10, chapter 1, Laws of 1985 ex. sess. and RCW 46.29.050 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The department shall upon request furnish any person or his attorney a certified abstract of his driving record, which abstract shall include enumeration of any motor vehicle accidents in which such person has been involved. Such abstract shall (a) indicate the total number of vehicles involved, whether the vehicles were legally parked or moving, and whether the vehicles were occupied at the time of the accident; and (b) contain reference to any convictions of the person for violation of the motor vehicle laws as reported to the department, reference to any findings that the person has committed a traffic infraction which have been reported to the department,

and a record of any vehicles registered in the name of the person. The department shall collect for each abstract the sum of ((three)) four dollars and fifty cents which shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

- (2) The department shall upon request furnish any person who may have been injured in person or property by any motor vehicle, with an abstract of all information of record in the department pertaining to the evidence of the ability of any driver or owner of any motor vehicle to respond in damages. The department shall collect for each abstract the sum of ((three)) four dollars and fifty cents which shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.
- Sec. 2. Section 27, chapter 21, Laws of 1961 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 181, Laws of 1987 and RCW 46.52.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Any request for a certified abstract must specify which part is requested, and only the part requested shall be furnished. The employment driving record part shall be furnished only to the individual named in the abstract, an employer, the insurance carrier that has insurance in effect covering the employer, or a prospective employer. The other part shall be furnished only to the individual named in the abstract, the insurance carrier that has insurance in effect covering the named individual, or the insurance carrier to which the named individual has applied. Both parts shall be furnished to an alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency approved by the department of social and health services, to which the named individual has applied or been assigned for evaluation or treatment. City attorneys and county prosecuting attorneys may provide both parts of the driving record to alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agencies approved by the department of social and health services to which the named individual has applied or been assigned for evaluation or treatment. The director, upon proper request, shall furnish a certified abstract covering the period of not more than the last three years to individuals, insurance companies, or employers, and covering a period of not more than the last five years to state approved alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agencies. The abstract, whenever possible, shall include an enumeration of motor vehicle accidents in which the person was driving; the total number of vehicles involved; whether the vehicles were legally parked or moving; whether the vehicles were occupied at the time of the accident; and any reported convictions, forfeitures of bail, or findings that an infraction was committed based upon a violation of any motor vehicle law. The enumeration shall include any reports of failure to appear in response to a traffic citation or failure to respond to a notice of infraction served upon the named individual by an arresting officer.

The abstract provided to an insurance company shall have excluded from it any information pertaining to any occupational driver's license when the license is issued to any person employed by another or self-employed as a motor vehicle driver who during the five years preceding the request has Ch. 9

been issued such a license by reason of a conviction or finding of a traffic infraction involving a motor vehicle offense outside the scope of his principal employment, and who has during that period been principally employed as a motor vehicle driver deriving the major portion of his income therefrom. The abstract provided to the insurance company shall also exclude any information pertaining to law enforcement officers or fire fighters as defined in RCW 41.26.030, or any member of the Washington state patrol, while driving official vehicles in the performance of occupational duty during an emergency situation if the chief of the officer's or fire fighter's department certifies on the accident report that the actions of the officer or fire fighter were reasonable under the circumstances as they existed at the time of the accident.

The director shall collect for each abstract the sum of ((three)) four dollars and fifty cents which shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

Any insurance company or its agent receiving the certified abstract shall use it exclusively for its own underwriting purposes and shall not divulge any of the information contained in it to a third party. No policy of insurance may be canceled, nonrenewed, or denied on the basis of such information unless the policyholder was determined to be at fault. No insurance company or its agent for underwriting purposes relating to the operation of commercial motor vehicles may use any information contained in the abstract relative to any person's operation of motor vehicles while not engaged in such employment.

Any employer or prospective employer receiving the certified abstract shall use it exclusively for his own purpose to determine whether the licensee should be permitted to operate a commercial vehicle or school bus upon the public highways of this state and shall not divulge any information contained in it to a third party.

Any alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency approved by the department of social and health services receiving the certified abstract shall use it exclusively for the purpose of assisting its employees in making a determination as to what level of treatment, if any, is appropriate. The agency, or any of its employees, shall not divulge any information contained in the abstract to a third party.

Any violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor.

- Sec. 3. Section 46.16.060, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 13, chapter 380, Laws of 1985 and RCW 46.16.060 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except for vehicles already so taxed in RCW 46.16.070 and 46.16-.085 or as otherwise specifically provided by law for the licensing of vehicles, there shall be paid and collected annually for each registration year or fractional part thereof and upon each vehicle a license fee of twenty-three dollars ((or)), but effective with initial motor vehicle registrations that expire in January, 1989, and thereafter, the license fee shall be twenty-seven

dollars and seventy-five cents; however, if the vehicle was previously licensed in this state and has not been registered in another jurisdiction in the intervening period, ((a)) the renewal license fee ((of)) shall be nineteen dollars, but effective with vehicle license renewals that expire in January, 1989, and thereafter, the renewal license fee shall be twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents. The proceeds of such fees shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 46.68.030. The fee for licensing each house-moving dolly which is used exclusively for moving buildings or homes on the highway under special permit as provided for in chapter 46.44 RCW shall be twenty-five dollars, but effective with licenses that expire in January, 1989, and thereafter, the fee shall be twenty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, and no other fee shall be charged for the load carried thereon.

(2) The department of licensing, county auditors, and other authorized agents shall collect for any registration year any increase in the fees authorized by this section for the months of that registration year in which any such increase is effective in the same manner and at the same time as such fees for that registration year would otherwise be collected as provided by law.

Sec. 4. Section 46.16.070, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 18, Laws of 1986 and RCW 46.16.070 are each amended to read as follows:

In lieu of all other vehicle licensing fees and in addition to the excise tax prescribed in chapter 82.44 RCW and the mileage fees prescribed for buses and stages in RCW 46.16.125, there shall be paid and collected annually for each motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle with seating capacity of six or more, based upon the declared combined gross vehicle weight or declared gross vehicle weight thereof, the following licensing fees by such gross vehicle weight:

4,000 lbs.	 27.75
6,000 lbs.	 32.72
8,000 lbs.	 40.30
10,000 lbs.	 45.37
12,000 lbs.	 52.62
14,000 lbs.	 59.86
16,000 lbs.	 67.31
18,000 lbs.	 99.02
20,000 lbs.	 109.94
22,000 lbs.	\$ 118.76
24,000 lbs.	 127.95
26,000 lbs.	 135.08
28,000 lbs.	 158.66
30,000 lbs.	 182.18
32,000 lbs.	 218.78

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34,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	232.06
36,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	251.39
38,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	275.51
40,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	314.99
42,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	327.16
44,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	334.02
46,000			 	 	 	. \$	358.91
48,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	374.19
50,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	405.36
52,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	426.45
54,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	460.02
56,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	485.21
58,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	504.53
60,000	lbs.		 	 	 	. \$	537.29
62,000			 	 	 . <b></b> .	. \$	575.50
64,000	lbs.		 	 	 . <b></b> .	. \$	588.75
66,000	lbs.		 	 	 · · · ·	. \$	655.14
68,000			 	 	 	. \$	682.99
70,000			 	 	 	. \$	735.14
72,000			 	 	 	. \$	785.36
74,000			 	 	 	. \$	853.15
76,000						-	922.05
78,000		• • • •					1,006.10
80,000	lbs.	• • • •	 	 	 	\$	1,085.95

The proceeds from such fees shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 46.68.035.

Effective with motor vehicle licenses that expire in January, 1989, and thereafter, a surcharge of four dollars and seventy-five cents is added to such fees. The proceeds of this surcharge shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited into the state patrol highway account of the motor vehicle fund.

Every motor truck, truck tractor, and tractor exceeding 6,000 pounds empty scale weight registered under chapter 46.16, 46.85, 46.87, or 46.88 RCW shall be licensed for not less than one hundred fifty percent of its empty weight unless the amount would be in excess of the legal limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.041, in which event the vehicle shall be licensed for the maximum weight authorized for such a vehicle.

Sec. 5. Section 82.44.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 19, chapter 3, Laws of 1983 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) An excise tax is imposed for the privilege of using in the state any motor vehicle, except those operated under reciprocal agreements, the provisions of RCW 46.16.160 as now or hereafter amended, or dealer's licenses. The annual amount of such excise tax shall be two percent of the fair market value of such vehicle.
- (2) ((From and after August 1, 1978, and until August 1, 2008,)) An additional excise tax is imposed, in addition to any other tax imposed by this section, for the privilege of using in the state any such motor vehicle, and the annual amount of such additional excise shall be two-tenths of one percent of the fair market value of such vehicle.
- (3) Effective with January, 1989, motor vehicle license expirations, and ending after December, 1990, expirations, an additional excise tax is imposed, in addition to any other tax imposed by this section, for the privilege of using in the state any such motor vehicle, and the annual amount of such additional excise tax shall be one-tendi of one percent of the fair market value of such vehicle.
- (4) The department of licensing and county auditors shall collect the additional tax imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section for any registration year for the months of that registration year in which such additional tax is effective, and in the same manner and at the same time as the tax imposed by subsection (1) of this section.
- $((\frac{4}{)})$  (5) In no case shall the total tax be less than two dollars except for proportionally registered vehicles.
- (((5))) (6) An additional tax is imposed equal to the taxes payable under subsections (1) and (2) of this section multiplied by the rate specified in RCW 82.02.030.
- Sec. 6. Section 31, chapter 35, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 296, Laws of 1986 and RCW 82.02.030 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The rate of the additional taxes under RCW 54.28.020(2), 54.28.025(2), 66.24.210(2), 66.24.290(2), 82.04.2901, 82.16.020(2), 82.26.020(2), 82.27.020(5), 82.29A.030(2), 82.44.020(((5)))(6), and 82.45.060(2) shall be seven percent;
- (2) The rate of the additional taxes under RCW 82.08.150(4) shall be fourteen percent; and
- (3) The rate of the additional taxes under RCW 82.24.020(2) shall be fifteen percent.
- Sec. 7. Section 82.44.110, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 12, chapter 35, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.110 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor shall regularly, when remitting license fee receipts, pay over and account to the director of licensing for the excise taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter. The director shall forthwith transmit the excise taxes to the state treasurer, ninety-eight percent of

which excise tax revenue shall upon receipt thereof be credited by the state treasurer to the general fund, and two percent of which excise tax revenue shall be credited by the state treasurer to the motor vehicle fund to defray administrative and other expenses incurred by the state department of licensing in the collection of the excise tax: PROVIDED, That:

- (1) One hundred percent of the proceeds of the additional ((two-tenths of one percent excise)) tax imposed by RCW 82.44.020(2)((, as now or hereafter amended,)) shall be credited by the state treasurer to the Puget Sound capital construction account in the motor vehicle fund((: PROVID-ED-FURTHER, That));
- (2) One hundred percent of the proceeds of the additional tax imposed by RCW 82.44.020(3) shall be credited by the state treasurer to the Puget Sound ferry operations account in the motor vehicle fund; and
- (3) All revenues collected under RCW 82.44.020(((5)))(6) shall be credited by the state treasurer to the general fund.
- \*Sec. 8. Section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as last amended by section 13, chapter 35, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and by section 20, chapter 49, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.150 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) The director of licensing shall on the twenty-fifth day of February, May, August and November of each year, commencing with November, 1971, advise the state treasurer of the total amount of motor vehicle excise taxes remitted to the department of licensing during the preceding calendar quarter ending on the last day of March, June, September and December, respectively, except for those payable under RCW 82.44.020(((5);))(6) and 82.44.030((; and 82.44.070)), from motor vehicle owners residing within each municipality which has levied a tax under RCW 35.58.273, which amount of excise taxes shall be determined by the director as follows:

The total amount of motor vehicle excise taxes remitted to the department, except those payable under RCW 82.44.020(((5),))(6) and 82.44.030((, and 82.44.070)), from each county shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the population of the municipality residing in such county, and the denominator of which is the total population of the county in which such municipality or portion thereof is located. The product of this computation shall be the amount of excise taxes from motor vehicle owners residing within such municipality or portion thereof. Where the municipality levying a tax under RCW 35.58.273 is located in more than one county, the above computation shall be made by county, and the combined products shall provide the total amount of motor vehicle excise taxes from motor vehicle owners residing in the municipality as a whole. Population figures required for these computations shall be supplied to the director by the office of financial management, who shall adjust the fraction annually.

(2) On the first day of the months of January, April, July, and October of each year, the state treasurer based upon information provided by the

department of licensing shall make the following apportionment and distribution of motor vehicle excise taxes deposited in the general fund except taxes collected under RCW 82.44.020(((5)))(6). A sum equal to seventeen percent thereof shall be paid to cities and towns in the proportions and for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and a sum equal to two percent ((of all motor vehicle excise tax receipts)) thereof shall be allocable to the county sales and use tax equalization account under RCW 82.14.200((; and a sum equal to seventy percent of all motor vehicle excise tax receipts, except taxes collected under RCW 82.44.020(5), shall be allocable to the state school equalization fund and credited and transferred each year in the following order of priority:

- (a) The amount required and certified by the state finance committee each year as being necessary for payment of principal of and interest on bonds authorized by RCW 28A.47.760 through 28A.47.774 in the ensuing twelve months and any additional amounts required by the covenants of such bonds shall be transferred from the state school equalization fund to the 1963 public school building bond retirement fund.
- (b) Any remaining amounts in the state school equalization fund from the motor vehicle excise taxes not required for debt service on the above bond issues shall be transferred and credited to the general fund)).
- (3) The amount payable to cities and towns shall be apportioned among the several cities and towns within the state according to the following formula:
- (a) Sixty-five percent of the sum specified in subsection (2) of this section to be paid to cities and towns shall be apportioned ratably on the basis of population as last determined by the office of financial management.
- (b) Thirty-five percent of the sum specified in subsection (2) of this section to be paid to cities and towns shall be apportioned to cities and towns under RCW 82.14.210.
- (4) When so apportioned, the amount payable to each such city and town shall be transmitted to the city treasurer thereof, and shall be utilized by such city or town for the purposes of police and fire protection and the preservation of the public health therein, and not otherwise. In case it be adjudged that revenue derived from the excise tax imposed by this chapter cannot lawfully be apportioned or distributed to cities or towns, all moneys directed by this section to be apportioned and distributed to cities and towns shall be credited and transferred to the state general fund.
- (5) On the first day of the months of January, April, July, and October of each year, the state treasurer, based upon information provided by the department of licensing, shall remit motor vehicle excise tax revenues imposed and collected under RCW 35.58.273 as follows:
- (a) The amount required to be remitted by the state treasurer to the treasurer of any municipality levying the tax shall not exceed in any calendar year the amount of locally-generated tax revenues, excluding the excise

tax imposed under RCW 35.58.273 for the purposes of this section, which shall have been budgeted by the municipality to be collected in such calendar year for any public transportation purposes including but not limited to operating costs, capital costs, and debt service on general obligation or revenue bonds issued for these purposes; and

- (b) In no event may the amount remitted in a single calendar quarter exceed the amount collected on behalf of the municipality under RCW 35-.58.273 during the calendar quarter next preceding the immediately preceding quarter.
- (6) At the close of each calendar year accounting period, but not later than April 1, each municipality that has received motor vehicle excise taxes under subsection (5) of this section shall transmit to the director of licensing and the state auditor a written report showing by source the previous year's budgeted tax revenues for public transportation purposes as compared to actual collections. Any municipality that has not submitted the report by April 1 shall cease to be eligible to receive motor vehicle excise taxes under subsection (5) of this section until the report is received by the director of licensing. If a municipality has received more or less money under subsection (5) of this section for the period covered by the report than it is entitled to receive by reason of its locally-generated collected tax revenues, the director of licensing shall, during the next ensuing quarter that the municipality is eligible to receive motor vehicle excise tax funds, increase or decrease the amount to be remitted in an amount equal to the difference between the locally-generated budgeted tax revenues and the locally-generated collected tax revenues. In no event may the amount remitted for a calendar year exceed the amount collected on behalf of the municipality under RCW 35.58.273 during that same calendar year. At the time of the next fiscal audit of each municipality, the state auditor shall verify the accuracy of the report submitted and notify the director of licensing of any discrepancies.
- (7) The motor vehicle excise taxes imposed under RCW 35.58.273 and required to be remitted under this section shall be remitted without legislative appropriation.
- (8) Any municipality levying and collecting a tax under RCW 35.58-.273 which does not have an operating, public transit system or a contract for public transportation services in effect within one year from the initial effective date of the tax shall return to the state treasurer all motor vehicle excise taxes received under subsection (5) of this section.
- (9) Effective with January, 1990, distributions, ninety-seven percent of any amount collected on behalf of a municipality under RCW 35.58.273 that is not distributed to the municipality under this section shall be transferred to the Puget Sound ferry operatious account. The remaining three percent shall be held in the general fund to make adjustments required under RCW 82.44.150(6). Any moneys remaining after the adjustments shall revert to the

Puget Sound ferry operations account. If the adjustments required are greater than the reserve amount, the distribution to the Puget Sound ferry operations account in the next ensuing quarter shall be decreased accordingly.

\*Sec. 8 was partially vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

- \*Sec. 9. Section 23, chapter 37, Laws of 1980 as last amended by section 1, chapter 108, Laws of 1983 and by section 2, chapter 35, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.08.0255 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of:
- (a) Motor vehicle fuel used in aircraft by the manufacturer thereof for research, development, and testing purposes; and
  - (b) Motor vehicle and special fuel if:
- (i) The fuel is purchased for the purpose of public transportation and the purchaser is entitled to a refund or an exemption under RCW 82.36.275 or 82.38.080(9); or
- (ii) The fuel is purchased by a private, nonprofit transportation provider certified under chapter 81.66 RCW and the purchaser is entitled to a refund or an exemption under RCW 82.36.285 or 82.38.080(8); or
  - (iii) The fuel is purchased for marine use by the state ferry system, or
  - (iv) The fuel is taxable under chapter 82.36 or 82.38 RCW.
- (2) Any person who has paid the tax imposed by RCW 82.08.020 on the sale of special fuel delivered in this state shall be entitled to a credit or refund of such tax with respect to fuel subsequently established to have been actually transported and used outside this state by persons engaged in interstate commerce. The tax shall be claimed as a credit or refunded through the tax reports required under RCW 82.38.150.

\*Sec. 9 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

\*Sec. 10. Section 56, chapter 37, Laws of 1980 as last amended by section 2, chapter 108, Laws of 1983 and by section 3, chapter 35, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.12.0256 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the use of:

- (1) Motor vehicle fuel used in aircraft by the manufacturer thereof for research, development, and testing purposes; and
- (2) Special fuel purchased in this state upon which a refund is obtained as provided in RCW 82.38.180(2); and
  - (3) Motor vehicle and special fuel if:
- (a) The fuel is used for the purpose of public transportation and the purchaser is entitled to a refund or an exemption under RCW 82.36.275 or 82.38.080(9); or
- (b) The fuel is purchased by a private, nonprofit transportation provider certified under chapter 81.66 RCW and the purchaser is entitled to a refund or an exemption under RCW 82.36.285 or 82.38.080(8); or

- (c) The fuel is purchased for marine use by the state ferry system, or
- (d) The fuel is taxable under chapter 82.36 or 82.38 RCW: PROVID-ED, That the use of motor vehicle and special fuel upon which a refund of the applicable fuel tax is obtained shall not be exempt under this subsection (3)(((c)))(d), and the director of licensing shall deduct from the amount of such tax to be refunded the amount of tax due under this chapter and remit the same each month to the department of revenue.

\*Sec. 10 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 12. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Passed the Senate May 7, 1987.

Passed the House May 17, 1987.

Approved by the Governor June 12, 1987, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 12, 1987.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 8(9), 9 and 10, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6016, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to transportation revenue and taxation."

## Section 8(9), Page 12, Transfer of Excess Mass Transit funds

This section would require, beginning with the 1989-91 biennium, that unmatched local mass transit funds be transferred into the Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account. These unmatched funds have historically reverted to the General Fund. The June 30, 1989 sunset clause on the .1% MVET increase which is dedicated to ferry systems operations creates a need in the 1989-91 biennium for additional funding. Given the demands the operating budget places on the General Fund in future biennia, this transfer is not fiscally responsible.

## Section 9 and 10, Page 12, Ferry System Fuel Tax Exemption

These sections exempt the ferry system from paying the fuel tax. This exemption has a biennial fiscal impact of \$1 million on the General Fund. The funding to pay the fuel tax is in the Department of Transportation 1987-89 budget.

With the exception of sections 8(9), 9 and 10, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6016 is approved."