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SECTION 601

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1160

Presentation to the Joint
Transportation Committee

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PURPOSE OF SECTION 601

- “The department of transportation is expected to use the flexibility provided in this section to assist in the delivery and completion of all transportation partnership account and connecting Washington account projects on the LEAP transportation document referenced in this subsection.”
- “For the 2019-2021 project appropriations, unless otherwise provided in this act, the director of the office of financial management may provide written authorization for a transfer of appropriation authority between projects funded with transportation partnership account appropriations or connecting Washington account appropriations to manage project spending and efficiently deliver all projects in the respective program under the following conditions and limitations:”

RESTRICTIONS TO SECTION 601

“(a) Transfers may only be made within each specific fund source referenced on the respective project list;

(b) Transfers from a project may not be made as a result of the reduction of the scope of a project or be made to support increases in the scope of a project;

(c) Transfers from a project may be made if the funds appropriated to the project are in excess of the amount needed in the current fiscal biennium;

(d) Transfers may not occur for projects not identified on the applicable project list;

(e) Transfers may not be made while the legislature is in session;

(f) Transfers to a project may not be made with funds designated as attributable to practical design savings as described in RCW 47.01.480;....

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUED ...

...(g) Each transfer between projects may only occur if the director of the office of financial management finds that any resulting change will not hinder the completion of the projects as approved by the legislature. Until the legislature reconvenes to consider the 2020 supplemental omnibus transportation appropriations act, any unexpended 2017-2019 appropriation balance as approved by the office of financial management, in consultation with the chairs and ranking members of the house of representatives and senate transportation committees, may be considered when transferring funds between projects;"

SECTION 601 PROCESS

“(3) At the time the department submits a request to transfer funds under this section, a copy of the request must be submitted to the chairs and ranking members of the transportation committees of the legislature.

(4) Before approval, the office of financial management shall work with legislative staff of the house of representatives and senate transportation committees to review the requested transfers in a timely manner and consider any concerns raised by the chairs and ranking members of the transportation committees.

(5) No fewer than ten days after the receipt of a project transfer request, the director of the office of financial management must provide written notification to the department of any decision regarding project transfers, with copies submitted to the transportation committees of the legislature.

(6) The department must submit annually as part of its budget submittal a report detailing all transfers made pursuant to this section.”

WHAT'S NEXT

- In the legislatively enacted project list, there is \$199.5 million of fish barrier funding in the out years funded by Connecting Washington.
- Of that \$199.5 million, \$175 million of fish barrier funding will be pulled forward to the 19-21 biennium.

Connecting Washington Funding for Fish Barriers				
Biennium (in Millions)	17-19	19-21	21-23 to 29-31	Total
Current Funding Timing	39.4	36.5	199.5	275.4
Timing After 601 Transfer	39.4	211.5	24.5	275.4

- In September, the WSDOT will identify approximately \$100 million from other Connecting Washington projects. The remaining \$75 million will be identified in November.
- These identified projects were under expended in the 17-19 biennium and would need to be reappropriated in 19-21 regardless of the Governor's directive.
- No projects in the project list will have reduced spending or reduced scope. The project list and overall amounts do not change.



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