FINAL BILL REPORT ESHB 2878

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making 2008 transportation supplemental appropriations.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Clibborn; by request of Office of Financial Management).

House Committee on Transportation Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The operating and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus transportation budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. Additionally, supplemental budgets may be adopted during the biennium making various modifications to agency appropriations. The Transportation Budget (Budget) provides appropriations to the major transportation agencies including: the Department of Transportation, the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Licensing, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, the Transportation Improvement Board, the County Road Administration Board, and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board. The Budget also provides appropriations out of transportation funds to many smaller agencies with transportation functions.

Summary:

Appropriations are adjusted for state transportation agencies and programs for the 2007-09 fiscal biennium. The \$7.6 billion appropriation for operating programs and capital projects is decreased by \$129 million.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 66 25

Senate 39 10 (Senate amended)

House (House refused to concur)

Conference Committee

Senate 45 4 House 67 28

Effective: March 25, 2008

Partial Veto Summary: The Governor vetoed several sections of the Transportation budget including a provision directing the Office of Financial Management to work with the

Legislature to ensure future budget proposals reflect performance excellence and earned value measures; requirements for the Transportation Commission and the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to submit cost reduction proposals for tolling; requirements for the WSDOT's Ferry Program to implement a car-sharing program; requirements for the WSDOT to conduct a complete valuation of the state highway system; and technical changes to bond authorizations and transfers.

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