
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1361

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, B. Sullivan and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dedicating existing revenue to infrastructure
2 funding; amending RCW 47.26.282; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
6 state's quality of life is based on a number of factors, including a
7 strong economy, affordable housing, and appropriate infrastructure.
8 The legislature finds that existing funding levels are insufficient to
9 meet current and future demands for infrastructure, especially
10 infrastructure that is necessary to accommodate new population growth.
11 The legislature finds also that the transportation improvement board's
12 urban corridor program provides a mechanism to ensure that
13 infrastructure funding is directed to projects that are necessary to
14 accommodate growth. The legislature, therefore, intends to establish
15 requirements pertaining to funding growth infrastructure projects from
16 the urban corridor program, and dedicate funding to the transportation
17 improvement board for grants to fund qualifying infrastructure programs
18 that are consistent with these requirements.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.26.282 and 2002 c 189 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) In any project funded by the transportation improvement board,
4 except for projects in cities having a population of less than five
5 thousand persons, and in addition to any other items required to be
6 considered by statute, the board also shall consider the land use
7 implications of the project, such as whether the programs and projects:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) Support development in and revitalization of existing
9 downtowns;

10 ~~((2))~~ (b) Implement local comprehensive plans for rural and urban
11 residential and nonresidential densities;

12 ~~((3))~~ (c) Have land use planning and regulations encouraging
13 compact development for rural and urban residential and nonresidential
14 densities; and

15 ~~((4))~~ (d) Promote the use of multimodal transportation.

16 (2)(a) In any project funded by the transportation improvement
17 board's urban corridor program, the board must consider, in addition to
18 any other considerations required by law, the following factors when
19 determining whether to make grants to local governments to accommodate
20 projected growth:

21 (i) Whether the project will improve the minimum levels of service
22 on transportation facilities that will accommodate planned growth. For
23 the purposes of this subsection, "minimum levels of service" means an
24 "a" through "d" level of service on an "a" to "f" scale or other
25 generally accepted transportation measurement scale;

26 (ii) Whether the project will enable the local government to
27 implement its comprehensive and capital facilities plans to accommodate
28 projected population and employment growth; and

29 (iii) Whether the local government has sufficient quantities of
30 buildable land and development regulations to accommodate projected
31 population and employment growth related to the project.

32 (b) In addition to the criteria in (a) of this subsection, the
33 board must give preference to proposals from local governments with
34 adopted policies that:

35 (i) Provide or encourage the provision of housing for all economic
36 segments of the community;

37 (ii) Ensure that land use regulations will not result in a net loss
38 of housing capacity; and

1 (iii) Provide receiving zones for the transfer of development
2 rights.

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The sum of ten million dollars is
4 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general
5 fund to the transportation improvement board for the purpose of issuing
6 grants to local governments to accommodate growth under RCW 47.26.282.

7 (2) The sum of ten million dollars is appropriated for the fiscal
8 year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the transportation
9 improvement board for the purpose of issuing grants to local
10 governments to accommodate growth under RCW 47.26.282.

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