
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6099

State of Washington **60th Legislature** **2007 Regular Session**

By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Murray)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a state route number 520 expansion impact plan
2 mediator; adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act,
8 and after consulting with the city of Seattle, the department shall
9 hire a mediator, and appropriate planning staff, including urban,
10 transportation, and neighborhood planners, to assist the department in
11 developing a state route number 520 expansion impact plan for
12 addressing the impacts of the state route number 520 bridge replacement
13 and HOV project on Seattle neighborhoods, parks, and institutions of
14 higher education, and the city of Seattle. The mediator must have
15 significant professional experience in working with impacted
16 communities that surround major transportation construction projects,
17 mitigating the construction impacts on those communities. In
18 evaluating the project impacts, the mediator shall consider the
19 concerns of neighborhoods and institutions of higher education directly

1 impacted by the proposed designs, and shall work with the appropriate
2 planning staff. The mediator shall work to ensure that the plan
3 provides a comprehensive approach to mitigating the impacts of the
4 project. The department shall hire the mediator and the planning staff
5 within existing appropriations allocated for the state route number 520
6 bridge replacement and HOV project. The position of mediator under
7 this section is not considered a certified or legally binding position.

8 (2) The state route number 520 expansion impact plan must be
9 submitted to the commission, which shall oversee the development of the
10 plan. The commission shall approve the plan sixty days before the
11 propositions required under RCW 36.120.070(2) and 81.112.030(10) are
12 submitted to regional voters at the 2007 general election, or before
13 the beginning of the 2008 regular legislative session.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
17 immediately.

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