SENATE BILL REPORT SHB 2721

As Reported by Senate Committee On: Transportation, March 1, 2010

Title: An act relating to commute trip reduction programs.

Brief Description: Concerning commute trip reduction programs.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Orwall, Kenney, Liias, Nelson and Chase).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/10, 95-0. **Committee Activity**: Transportation: 2/23/10, 3/01/10 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

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Background: As part of the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) law, major employers are required to develop CTR plans and submit those plans to local jurisdictions. Funding is provided in the Washington State Transportation budget for the administration of the CTR program, and funding is provided for offsets to local agencies and employers for implementation costs.

Summary of Bill: Major employers whose employees commute to a single site or contiguous sites may submit a single joint CTR plan. For purposes of allocating funds, each worksite will continue to be recognized as separate worksites.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill will allow employers to work together and realize cost savings and efficiencies.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Clare Gallagher, Port of Seattle.