
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1591

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives
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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of certain transportation benefit
2 district funds; and amending RCW 36.73.015, 36.73.120, and 82.14.0455.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.73.015 and 2006 c 311 s 24 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "District" means a transportation benefit district created
9 under this chapter.

10 (2) "City" means a city or town.

11 (3) "Transportation improvement" means a project contained in the
12 transportation plan of the state, or a regional transportation planning
13 organization, city, county, or eligible jurisdiction as identified in
14 RCW 36.73.020(2). A project may include investment in new or existing
15 highways of statewide significance, principal arterials of regional
16 significance, high capacity transportation, public transportation, and
17 other transportation projects and programs of regional or statewide
18 significance including transportation demand management. Projects may

1 also include the operation, preservation, and maintenance of these
2 facilities or programs.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.73.120 and 2007 c 329 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the provisions in RCW 36.73.065, a district may
6 impose a fee or charge on the construction or reconstruction of
7 commercial buildings, industrial buildings, or on any other commercial
8 or industrial building or building space or appurtenance, or on the
9 development, subdivision, classification, or reclassification of land
10 for commercial purposes, only if done in accordance with chapter 39.92
11 RCW.

12 (2) Any fee or charge imposed under this section shall be used
13 exclusively for transportation improvements (~~(constructed by a~~
14 ~~district)~~) as defined in RCW 36.73.015. The fees or charges imposed
15 must be reasonably necessary as a result of the impact of development,
16 construction, or classification or reclassification of land on
17 identified transportation needs.

18 (3) If a county or city within the district area is levying a fee
19 or charge for a transportation improvement, the fee or charge shall be
20 credited against the amount of the fee or charge imposed by the
21 district.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.14.0455 and 2006 c 311 s 16 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Subject to the provisions in RCW 36.73.065, a transportation
25 benefit district under chapter 36.73 RCW may fix and impose a sales and
26 use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The tax
27 authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized
28 by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the
29 state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any
30 taxable event within the boundaries of the district. The rate of tax
31 shall not exceed two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the
32 case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use
33 tax. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the tax may
34 not be imposed for a period exceeding ten years. This tax, if not
35 imposed under the conditions of subsection (2) of this section, may be

1 extended for a period not exceeding ten years with an affirmative vote
2 of the voters voting at the election.

3 (2) The voter-approved sales tax imposed under this section may be
4 imposed for a period exceeding ten years, but not to exceed thirty
5 years, without additional voter approval if the moneys received under
6 this section are dedicated for the repayment of general obligation
7 bonds not to exceed thirty years and are in accordance with the
8 requirements of chapter 36.73 RCW.

9 (3) Money received from the tax imposed under this section must be
10 spent in accordance with the requirements of chapter 36.73 RCW.

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