HOUSE BILL 2037

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1   AN ACT Relating to making traffic congestion relief a higher
2 priority of the state transportation system; and amending RCW
3 47.04.280.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2007 c 516 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:
7   (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
8 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
9 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under this
10 section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories adopted by
11 the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on November 30,
12 2000. Public investments in transportation should support achievement
13 of these policy goals:
14   (((a) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
15 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;
16   (b) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
17 transportation customers and the transportation system;
18   (c) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
19 people throughout Washington state;

1 (((d) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
2 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
3 healthy communities, and protect the environment; and
4 (e) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
5 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.))
6 (a) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
7 transportation customers and the transportation system;
8 (b) Congestion relief: To reduce traffic congestion and improve
9 vehicle travel times for transportation customers using the following
10 measures:
11 (i) Traffic congestion on urban state highways must be
12 significantly reduced and be no worse than the national mean;
13 (ii) Hours of delay per driver must be significantly reduced and no
14 worse than the national mean;
15 (c) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
16 utility of prior investments in transportation systems using the
17 following measures:
18 (i) Interstate highways, state routes, or statewide principal
19 arterials must not be in poor condition;
20 (ii) Bridges must not be structurally deficient, and safety
21 retrofits must be performed on those state bridges at the highest
22 seismic risk levels; and
23 (d) Environmental stewardship: To ensure that transportation
24 investments protect the environment.
25 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
26 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy goals
27 set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
28 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
29 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related performance
30 measures.
31 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the office of
32 financial management establish objectives and performance measures for
33 the department of transportation and other state agencies with
34 transportation-related responsibilities to ensure transportation system
35 performance at local, regional, and state government levels progresses
36 toward the attainment of the policy goals set forth in subsection (1)
37 of this section.   The office of financial management shall submit
38 initial objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its

1 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
2 the 2008 legislative session. The office of financial management shall
3 submit objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its
4 review and shall provide copies of the same to the commission during
5 each regular session of the legislature during an even-numbered year
6 thereafter.
7   (5) This section does not create a private right of action.

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