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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a right of first repurchase for
2 surplus transportation property; amending RCW 47.12.063; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.12.063 and 2006 c 17 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to continue the
8 department's policy giving priority consideration to abutting property
9 owners in agricultural areas when disposing of property through its
10 surplus property program under this section, unless the property is
11 eligible to be sold under subsection (3) of this section.

12 (2) Whenever the department determines that any real property owned
13 by the state of Washington and under the jurisdiction of the department
14 is no longer required for transportation purposes and that it is in the
15 public interest to do so, the department may sell the property or
16 exchange it in full or part consideration for land or improvements or
17 for construction of improvements at fair market value to any of the
18 following governmental entities or persons, unless the property is
19 eligible to be sold under subsection (3) of this section:

- 1 (a) Any other state agency;
2 (b) The city or county in which the property is situated;
3 (c) Any other municipal corporation;
4 (d) Regional transit authorities created under chapter 81.112 RCW;
5 (e) The former owner of the property from whom the state acquired
6 title;

7 (f) In the case of residentially improved property, a tenant of the
8 department who has resided thereon for not less than six months and who
9 is not delinquent in paying rent to the state;

10 (g) Any abutting private owner but only after each other abutting
11 private owner (if any), as shown in the records of the county assessor,
12 is notified in writing of the proposed sale. If more than one abutting
13 private owner requests in writing the right to purchase the property
14 within fifteen days after receiving notice of the proposed sale, the
15 property shall be sold at public auction in the manner provided in RCW
16 47.12.283;

17 (h) To any person through the solicitation of written bids through
18 public advertising in the manner prescribed by RCW 47.28.050;

19 (i) To any other owner of real property required for transportation
20 purposes;

21 (j) In the case of property suitable for residential use, any
22 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing to
23 very low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households as defined
24 in RCW 43.63A.510 and is eligible to receive assistance through the
25 Washington housing trust fund created in chapter 43.185 RCW; or

26 (k) A federally recognized Indian tribe within whose reservation
27 boundary the property is located.

28 (3) If the department determines that all or a portion of real
29 property or an interest in real property that was acquired through
30 condemnation or the threat of condemnation is no longer necessary for
31 a transportation purpose, the former owner has a right of repurchase.
32 For the purposes of this subsection, "former owner" means the person or
33 entity from whom the department acquired title and that person's or
34 entity's successors or assigns to the property or property interest
35 subject to the repurchase right. At least ninety days prior to the
36 date on which the property is intended to be sold by the department,
37 the department must mail notice of the planned sale to the former owner
38 of the property at the former owner's last known address or to a

1 forwarding address if that owner has provided the department with a
2 forwarding address. If the former owner notifies the department within
3 thirty days of the date of the notice that the former owner intends to
4 repurchase the property, the department shall proceed with the sale of
5 the property to the former owner for fair market value and shall not
6 list the property for sale to other owners. If the former owner does
7 not provide timely written notice to the department of the intent to
8 exercise a repurchase right, or if the sale to the former owner is not
9 completed within one year of the date of notice that the former owner
10 intends to repurchase the property, the right of repurchase is
11 extinguished.

12 (4) Sales to purchasers may at the department's option be for cash,
13 by real estate contract, or exchange of land or improvements.
14 Transactions involving the construction of improvements must be
15 conducted pursuant to chapter 47.28 RCW or Title 39 RCW, as applicable,
16 and must comply with all other applicable laws and rules.

17 ((+4)) (5) Conveyances made pursuant to this section shall be by
18 deed executed by the secretary of transportation and shall be duly
19 acknowledged.

20 ((+5)) (6) Unless otherwise provided, all moneys received pursuant
21 to the provisions of this section less any real estate broker
22 commissions paid pursuant to RCW 47.12.320 shall be deposited in the
23 motor vehicle fund.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2010.

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