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By Representatives Moscoso, Ryu, Manweller, Johnson, Haler, Tarleton, Pike, Fitzgibbon, and Bergquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to managing the development and operation of
2 passenger rail service within the Cascade rail corridor; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 47.04 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department may enter into agreements with the Oregon state
8 department of transportation and the British Columbia ministry of
9 transportation and infrastructure to:

10 (a) Develop a plan to document the shared vision, goals, and
11 objectives for passenger rail service within the Cascade rail corridor;

12 (b) Develop a plan to achieve performance goals, manage fleet
13 assets, share costs, prioritize investments, and resolve interagency
14 disputes;

15 (c) Propose funding options to the respective legislative bodies to
16 support the operation of passenger trains within the Cascade rail
17 corridor;

18 (d) Develop a stakeholder outreach program;

1 (e) Oversee operations and marketing of daily passenger rail
2 service in the Cascade rail corridor;

3 (f) Seek federal funding opportunities;

4 (g) Implement efficiency improvements for passenger rail service in
5 the Cascade rail corridor; and

6 (h) Manage costs and identify opportunities for cost reduction and
7 develop priorities that will generate the best value for Washington
8 state.

9 (2) The department may enter into agreements with the Oregon state
10 department of transportation to coordinate state rail plans. The
11 department must report to the transportation committees of the
12 legislature regarding:

13 (a) The status of agreements with the Oregon state department of
14 transportation and the British Columbia ministry of transportation and
15 infrastructure regarding the Cascade rail corridor;

16 (b) The performance of passenger rail service in the Cascade rail
17 corridor; and

18 (c) The status of accomplishing the goals set out in subsection
19 (1)(a) through (f) of this section.

20 (3) For the purposes of this section, "Cascade rail corridor" means
21 the rail lines that lie west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range
22 and may support passenger rail service.

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