

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2080

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, April 12, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to transportation funding and appropriations.

**Brief Description:** Providing transportation funding and appropriations.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives K. Schmidt, Hankins, Benton, Elliot, Skinner, Buck, McMahan, Robertson, Johnson, D. Schmidt, Chandler, Mitchell, Koster, Backlund, Cairnes, Horn, Blanton and Stevens).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 4/12/95 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; Fairley, Kohl, Morton, Oke, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Schow and Wood.

**Staff:** Eugene Schlatter (786-7316)

**Background:** The Legislature must make biennial appropriations for each agency's operating budget and capital improvements. The transportation budget provides funding for the agencies and programs supported by transportation revenues.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** The state transportation agencies' Omnibus Capital and Operating Appropriations Act for the 1995-97 fiscal biennium is enacted. The total appropriation for transportation agencies is \$3.134 billion.

**Amended Bill Compared to Substitute Bill:** Appropriations are modified. Technical amendments are made to clarify original intent. Bonds debt service supported by the transportation fund will not be calculated against the general fund debt service limit. \$700,000 is reappropriated for the RTA.

**Appropriation:** \$3.134 billion from all transportation fund sources.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and take effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** The appropriations reflect the basic requirements for the transportation agencies.

**Testimony Against:** Transportation funding continues to be a problem in this state. Funding is needed for multi-modal transportation solutions.

**Testified:** Aubrey Davis, Connie Niva, Pat Patterson, WA State Transportation Commission; Sid Morrison, Secretary, DOT; Robin Pollard, State Tourism; Jim Metcalf, Regional Transit Authority; Joe Daniels, IFPTE-17; Chuck Mize, King County (pro w/concerns); Curt Eschels, WA State Association of Counties (pro w/concerns); Dean Claussen, Eastside Transportation Committee (pro).