
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1402

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By House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Ogden, Carlson, Fisher, Blalock, O'Brien and Doumit)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the financing of street, road, and highway
2 projects; and amending RCW 35.72.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.72.050 and 1987 c 261 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) As an alternative to financing projects under this chapter
7 solely by owners of real estate, a county, city, or town may join in
8 the financing of improvement projects and may be reimbursed in the same
9 manner as the owners of real estate who participate in the projects, if
10 the county, city, or town has specified the conditions of its
11 participation in an ordinance. As another alternative, a county, city,
12 or town may create an assessment reimbursement area on its own
13 initiative, without the participation of a private property owner,
14 finance the costs of the road or street improvements, and become the
15 sole beneficiary of the reimbursements that are contributed. A county,
16 city, or town may be reimbursed only for the costs of improvements that
17 benefit that portion of the public who will use the developments within
18 the assessment reimbursement area established pursuant to RCW

1 35.72.040(1). No county, city, or town costs for improvements that
2 benefit the general public may be reimbursed.

3 (2) The department of transportation may, for state highways,
4 participate with the owners of real estate or may be the sole
5 participant in the financing of improvement projects, in the same
6 manner and subject to the same restrictions as provided for counties,
7 cities, and towns, in subsection (1) of this section. The department
8 shall enter into agreements whereby the appropriate county, city, or
9 town shall act as an agent of the department in administering this
10 chapter.

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