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By House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff, K. Schmidt, Clements, Buck, Talcott, Johnson, Mitchell, Carlson, Delvin, Cooke and Chandler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to barriers to coordinated transportation services;
2 amending RCW 81.66.030; and adding a new chapter to Title 47 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that transportation
5 systems for persons with special needs are not operated as efficiently
6 as possible. Lack of coordination produces irrational situations, such
7 as several different vehicles arriving simultaneously at the same
8 location to pick up several different persons with special needs. When
9 separate vehicles arrive within minutes of each other to transport
10 individuals with special needs to similar destinations, resources are
11 wasted and fewer people are being served. In some cases, programs
12 established by the legislature to assist persons with special needs can
13 not be accessed due to these inefficiencies.

14 It is the intent of the legislature to encourage coordination
15 between public transportation agencies, private nonprofit
16 transportation providers, and other public agencies sponsoring programs
17 requiring transportation services. Through coordination of
18 transportation services, programs will achieve increased efficiencies

1 and will expand services to a greater number of persons with special
2 needs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The agency council on coordinated
4 transportation is created. The council is composed of nine voting
5 members and eight nonvoting, legislative members.

6 (2) The nine voting members are the superintendent of public
7 instruction or a designee, the secretary of transportation or a
8 designee, the secretary of the department of social and health services
9 or a designee, and six members appointed by the governor as follows:

10 (a) One representative from the office of the governor;

11 (b) Two persons who are consumers of special needs transportation
12 services;

13 (c) One representative from the Washington association of pupil
14 transportation;

15 (d) One representative from the Washington state transit
16 association; and

17 (e) One of the following:

18 (i) A representative from the community transportation association
19 of the Northwest; or

20 (ii) A representative from the community action council
21 association.

22 (3) The eight nonvoting members are legislators as follows:

23 (a) Four members from the house of representatives, two from each
24 of the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker of the house of
25 representatives, two who are members of the house transportation policy
26 and budget committee and two who are members of the house
27 appropriations committee; and

28 (b) Four members from the senate, two from each of the two largest
29 caucuses, appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the
30 transportation committee and two members of the ways and means
31 committee.

32 (4) Gubernatorial appointees of the council will serve two-year
33 terms. Members may not receive compensation for their service on the
34 council, but will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
35 incurred in performing their duties as members as set forth in RCW
36 43.03.220.

37 (5) The secretary of transportation or a designee shall serve as
38 the chair.

1 (6) The department of transportation shall provide necessary staff
2 support for the council.

3 (7) The council may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from
4 public or private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or
5 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the council and
6 spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or private
7 sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the gifts,
8 grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The council shall:

10 (1) Develop standards and strategies for coordinating special needs
11 transportation;

12 (2) Identify and develop, fund as resources are made available, and
13 monitor coordinated transportation pilot projects;

14 (3) Disseminate and encourage the widespread implementation of
15 successful demonstration projects;

16 (4) Identify and address barriers to transportation coordination;

17 (5) Recommend to the legislature changes in law to assist
18 coordination of transportation services;

19 (6) Act as an information clearinghouse and advocate for
20 coordinated transportation;

21 (7) Petition the office of financial management to make whatever
22 changes are deemed necessary to identify transportation costs in all
23 executive agency budgets;

24 (8) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1998, on council
25 activities including, but not limited to, what demonstration projects
26 have been undertaken, how coordination affected service levels, and
27 whether these efforts produced savings that allowed expansion of
28 services. Reports must be made once every two years thereafter, and
29 other times as the council deems necessary.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 81.66.030 and 1979 c 111 s 6 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The commission shall regulate every private, nonprofit
33 transportation provider in this state but has authority only as
34 follows: To issue certificates to such providers; to set forth
35 insurance requirements; to adopt reasonable rules to insure that any
36 vehicles used by such providers will be adequate for the proposed
37 service; and to inspect the vehicles and otherwise regulate the safety

1 of operations of each provider(~~(; and to regulate in accordance with~~
2 ~~the procedures set forth in chapter 81.04 RCW any rates, fares, or~~
3 ~~charges proposed by such providers))~~). The commission may charge fees
4 to private, nonprofit transportation providers, which shall be
5 approximately the same as the reasonable cost of regulating such
6 providers.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3, 6, and 7 of this act
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The agency council on coordinated
10 transportation is terminated on June 30, 2003, as provided in section
11 7 of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts, as now
13 existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective June 30,
14 2004:

- 15 (1) RCW 47.--.--- and 1997 c . . . s 1 (section 1 of this act);
16 (2) RCW 47.--.--- and 1997 c . . . s 2 (section 2 of this act); and
17 (3) RCW 47.--.--- and 1997 c . . . s 3 (section 3 of this act).

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