
SENATE BILL 6596

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By Senators Horn, Haugen, Prince, Rasmussen, Patterson and Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transportation planning; and amending
2 RCW 47.80.023, 47.80.040, and 47.80.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.80.023 and 1994 c 158 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Each regional transportation planning organization shall have the
7 following duties:

8 (1) Prepare and periodically update a transportation strategy for
9 the region. The strategy shall address alternative transportation
10 modes and transportation demand management measures in regional
11 corridors and shall recommend preferred transportation policies to
12 implement adopted growth strategies. The strategy shall serve as a
13 guide in preparation of the regional transportation plan.

14 (2) Prepare a regional transportation plan as set forth in RCW
15 47.80.030 that is consistent with county-wide planning policies if such
16 have been adopted pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, with county, city,
17 and town comprehensive plans, and state transportation plans.

18 (3) Certify by December 31, 1996, that the transportation elements
19 of comprehensive plans adopted by counties, cities, and towns within

1 the region reflect the guidelines and principles developed pursuant to
2 RCW 47.80.026, are consistent with the adopted regional transportation
3 plan, and, where appropriate, conform with the requirements of RCW
4 36.70A.070.

5 (4) Where appropriate, certify that county-wide planning policies
6 adopted under RCW 36.70A.210 and the adopted regional transportation
7 plan are consistent.

8 (5) Develop, in cooperation with the department of transportation,
9 operators of public transportation services and local governments
10 within the region, a six-year regional transportation improvement
11 program which proposes regionally significant transportation projects
12 and programs and transportation demand management measures. The
13 regional transportation improvement program shall be based on the
14 programs, projects, and transportation demand management measures of
15 regional significance as identified by transit agencies, cities, and
16 counties pursuant to RCW 35.58.2795, 35.77.010, and 36.81.121,
17 respectively. The program shall include a priority list of projects
18 and programs, project segments and programs, transportation demand
19 management measures, and a specific financial plan that demonstrates
20 how the transportation improvement program can be funded. The program
21 shall be updated at least every two years for the ensuing six-year
22 period. Regional transportation planning organizations shall provide
23 to the legislators whose districts are within the boundaries of the
24 organization a schedule of six-year transportation improvement program
25 decision process points, updates, and amendments to the six-year
26 transportation improvement program.

27 (6) Designate a lead planning agency to coordinate preparation of
28 the regional transportation plan and carry out the other
29 responsibilities of the organization. The lead planning agency may be
30 a regional organization, a component county, city, or town agency, or
31 the appropriate Washington state department of transportation district
32 office.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.80.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 56 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

35 Each regional transportation planning organization shall create a
36 transportation policy board. Board membership must include at least
37 one member each from the state senate and the house of representatives.
38 Transportation policy boards shall provide policy advice to the

1 regional transportation planning organization and shall allow
2 representatives of major employers within the region, the department of
3 transportation, transit districts, port districts, and member cities,
4 towns, and counties within the region to participate in policy making.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.80.070 and 1994 c 158 s 5 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In order to ensure state-wide consistency in the regional
8 transportation planning process, the state department of
9 transportation, in conformance with chapter 34.05 RCW, shall:

10 (1) In cooperation with regional transportation planning
11 organizations, establish minimum standards for development of a
12 regional transportation plan;

13 (2) Facilitate coordination between regional transportation
14 planning organizations; and

15 (3) Through the regional transportation planning process, and
16 through state planning efforts as required by RCW 47.01.071, identify
17 and jointly plan (~~(improvements and strategies)~~) the most efficient
18 strategy to address identified deficiencies, including investments in
19 modal integration within those corridors important to moving people and
20 goods on a regional (~~(or)~~) and state-wide basis.

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