

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6628** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By Senators Benton, Finkbeiner, Anderson, Zarelli and Schow**

Read first time 01/23/98. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1            AN ACT Relating to the state-owned facilities component of the  
2 state-wide transportation plan and intercity passenger rail; and  
3 amending RCW 47.06.040, 47.06.050, and 47.06.090; and adding a new  
4 chapter to 81.104 RCW.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.06.040 and 1994 c 258 s 5 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8            The department shall develop a state-wide multimodal transportation  
9 plan under RCW 47.01.071(3) and in conformance with federal  
10 requirements, to ensure the continued mobility of people and goods  
11 within regions and across the state in a safe, cost-effective manner.  
12 The state-wide multimodal transportation plan shall consist of:

13            (1) A state-owned facilities component, which shall guide state  
14 investment for state highways including bicycle and pedestrian  
15 facilities, and state ferries; and

16            (2) A state-interest component, which shall define the state  
17 interest in aviation, marine ports and navigation, freight rail,  
18 intercity passenger rail, bicycle transportation and pedestrian  
19 walkways, and public transportation, and recommend actions in

1 coordination with appropriate public and private transportation  
2 providers to ensure that the state interest in these transportation  
3 modes is met.

4 The plans developed under each component must be consistent with  
5 the state transportation policy plan and with each other, reflect  
6 public involvement, be consistent with regional transportation  
7 planning, high-capacity transportation planning, and local  
8 comprehensive plans prepared under chapter 36.70A RCW, and include  
9 analysis of intermodal connections and choices. A primary emphasis for  
10 these plans shall be the relief of congestion, the preservation of  
11 existing investments, the improvement of traveler safety, the efficient  
12 movement of freight and goods, and the improvement and integration of  
13 all transportation modes to create a seamless intermodal transportation  
14 system for people and goods.

15 In the development of the state-wide multimodal transportation  
16 plan, the department shall identify and document potential affected  
17 environmental resources, including, but not limited to, wetlands, storm  
18 water runoff, flooding, air quality, fish passage, and wildlife  
19 habitat. The department shall conduct its environmental identification  
20 and documentation in coordination with all relevant environmental  
21 regulatory authorities, including, but not limited to, local  
22 governments. The department shall give the relevant environmental  
23 regulatory authorities an opportunity to review the department's  
24 environmental plans. The relevant environmental regulatory authorities  
25 shall provide comments on the department's environmental plans in a  
26 timely manner. Environmental identification and documentation as  
27 provided for in RCW 47.01.300 and this section is not intended to  
28 create a private right of action or require an environmental impact  
29 statement as provided in chapter 43.21C RCW.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.06.050 and 1993 c 446 s 5 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 The state-owned facilities component of the state-wide  
33 transportation plan shall identify the most cost-effective combination  
34 of highway, ferry, passenger rail, and high-capacity transportation  
35 improvements that maximizes the efficient movement of people, freight,  
36 and goods within state transportation corridors and will consist of:

37 (1) The state highway system plan, which identifies program and  
38 financing needs and recommends specific and financially realistic

1 improvements to preserve the structural integrity of the state highway  
2 system, ensure acceptable operating conditions, and provide for  
3 enhanced access to scenic, recreational, and cultural resources. The  
4 state highway system plan shall contain the following elements:

5 (a) A system preservation element, which shall establish structural  
6 preservation objectives for the state highway system including bridges,  
7 identify current and future structural deficiencies based upon analysis  
8 of current conditions and projected future deterioration, and recommend  
9 program funding levels and specific actions necessary to preserve the  
10 structural integrity of the state highway system consistent with  
11 adopted objectives. This element shall serve as the basis for the  
12 preservation component of the six-year highway program and the two-year  
13 biennial budget request to the legislature;

14 (b) A capacity and operational improvement element, which shall  
15 establish operational objectives, including safety considerations, for  
16 moving people and goods on the state highway system, identify current  
17 and future capacity, operational, and safety deficiencies, and  
18 recommend program funding levels and specific improvements and  
19 strategies necessary to achieve the operational objectives. In  
20 developing capacity and operational improvement plans the department  
21 shall first assess strategies to enhance the operational efficiency of  
22 the existing system before recommending system expansion. Congestion  
23 relief must be a primary emphasis of the capacity and operational  
24 improvement element. Strategies to enhance the operational  
25 efficiencies include but are not limited to access management,  
26 transportation system management, demand management, and high-occupancy  
27 vehicle facilities. The capacity and operational improvement element  
28 must conform to the state implementation plan for air quality and be  
29 consistent with regional transportation plans adopted under chapter  
30 47.80 RCW, and shall serve as the basis for the capacity and  
31 operational improvement portions of the six-year highway program and  
32 the two-year biennial budget request to the legislature;

33 (c) A scenic and recreational highways element, which shall  
34 identify and recommend designation of scenic and recreational highways,  
35 provide for enhanced access to scenic, recreational, and cultural  
36 resources associated with designated routes, and recommend a variety of  
37 management strategies to protect, preserve, and enhance these  
38 resources. The department, affected counties, cities, and towns,

1 regional transportation planning organizations, and other state or  
2 federal agencies shall jointly develop this element;

3 (d) A paths and trails element, which shall identify the needs of  
4 nonmotorized transportation modes on the state transportation systems  
5 and provide the basis for the investment of state transportation funds  
6 in paths and trails, including funding provided under chapter 47.30  
7 RCW.

8 (2) The state ferry system plan, which shall guide capital and  
9 operating investments in the state ferry system. The plan shall  
10 establish service objectives for state ferry routes, forecast travel  
11 demand for the various markets served in the system, and develop  
12 strategies for ferry system investment that consider regional and  
13 state-wide vehicle and passenger needs, support local land use plans,  
14 and assure that ferry services are fully integrated with other  
15 transportation services. The plan shall assess the role of private  
16 ferries operating under the authority of the utilities and  
17 transportation commission and shall coordinate ferry system capital and  
18 operational plans with these private operations. The ferry system plan  
19 must be consistent with the regional transportation plans for areas  
20 served by the state ferry system, and shall be developed in conjunction  
21 with the ferry advisory committees.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.06.090 and 1993 c 446 s 9 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 The state-interest component of the state-wide multimodal  
25 transportation plan shall include an intercity passenger rail plan,  
26 which shall analyze existing intercity passenger rail service and  
27 recommend improvements to that service under the state passenger rail  
28 service program including depot improvements, potential service  
29 extensions, and ways to achieve higher train speeds. The plan must  
30 include:

31 (1) A service preservation element that outlines the trackage,  
32 depots, and train investments needed to maintain established service  
33 levels; and

34 (2) A service improvement element that establishes service  
35 improvement objectives and outlines the trackage, depot, and train  
36 investments needed to meet improvement service objectives.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   A new section is added to chapter 81.104 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        Any regional transit authority imposing taxes under this chapter  
4 shall consult with the department of community, trade, and economic  
5 development to explore the potential for developing contracting methods  
6 and procedures that encourage the establishment of a manufacturing base  
7 in the state of Washington for the purpose of constructing and  
8 assembling commuter and light rail train sets and components.   The  
9 regional transit authority shall report its findings and  
10 recommendations to the legislative transportation committee by January  
11 1, 1999.

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