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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget
(originally sponsored by Representatives K. Schmidt, Radcliff,
Mitchell, O'Brien and Robertson)

Brief Title: Establishing a state policy and program for freight
mobility strategic investments.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Establishes a state policy and program for freight mobility
strategic investments.

Declares that it is the policy of the state of Washington that
constrained public transportation funding and competition between
freight and general mobility improvements for the same fund sources
require strategic, prioritized freight investments that reduce
barriers to freight movement, maximize cost-effectiveness, yield a
return on the state's investment, encourage complementary
investments by public and private interests, and solve regional
freight mobility problems. State financial assistance for freight
mobility projects should leverage other funds from all potential
partners and sources, including federal, county, city, port
district, and private capital.

Creates the freight mobility strategic investment board.

Creates the freight mobility strategic investment account
within the transportation fund or motor vehicle fund.

Directs the legislative transportation committee to review and
analyze freight mobility issues affecting eastern and southeastern
Washington and report back to the legislature by January 15, 1998.
The review and analysis shall also give consideration to
nonphysical barriers, such as burdensome laws and regulations, that
are adversely impacting freight mobility.