

1 **HB 1125** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2989.2/99) **0394 WITHDRAWN 5/18/99**

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3 On page 84, after line 19, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 615.** The legislature finds and declares that
5 it is essential for the economic, social, and environmental well-being
6 of the state and the maintenance of a high quality of life that the
7 people of the state have an efficient and effective transportation
8 system. The legislature, public officials, and citizens need to know
9 the extent to which state agencies, programs, and activities that
10 impact the state's transportation system are achieving the purposes for
11 which they were created.

12 The legislature recognizes that if it is to adequately fulfill its
13 responsibility to provide for a balanced, efficient state-wide
14 transportation system, it is essential to establish a joint legislative
15 transportation committee that will provide an opportunity for members
16 of the house of representatives and the senate to examine, develop, and
17 oversee critical transportation policy and fiscal issues and make
18 recommendations on such issues to the house of representatives and
19 senate standing committees on transportation.

20 In order to accomplish the mission and goals of the joint
21 legislative transportation committee and to effectively serve the house
22 of representatives and senate standing committees on transportation,
23 the legislature acknowledges the need to provide for a level of
24 staffing that will adequately address the exclusive needs of the house
25 of representatives and senate standing committees and the
26 administration and staffing of the joint legislative transportation
27 committee.

28 **Sec. 616.** RCW 44.40.010 and 1980 c 87 s 39 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 The joint fact-finding committee on highways, streets, and bridges
31 originally created by chapter 111, Laws of 1947, recreated and renamed
32 the joint committee on highways by chapter 3, Laws of 1963
33 extraordinary session, is hereby recreated and renamed the legislative

1 transportation committee. The renaming of said committee shall not
2 affect any powers invested in it or its duties imposed upon it by any
3 other statute. All appropriations made to the committee under its
4 former name shall continue to be available to said committee as
5 renamed, the legislative transportation committee. The committee shall
6 consist of (~~eleven~~) twelve senators to be appointed by the president
7 of the senate and twelve members of the house of representatives to be
8 appointed by the speaker thereof. Not more than six members from each
9 house may be from the same political party. A list of appointees shall
10 be submitted before the close of each regular legislative session
11 during an odd-numbered year or any successive special session convened
12 by the governor or the legislature prior to the close of such regular
13 session or successive special session(s) for confirmation of senate
14 members, by the senate, and house members, by the house. Vacancies
15 occurring shall be filled by the appointing authority. All vacancies
16 must be filled from the same political party and from the same house as
17 the member whose seat was vacated.

18 The chair shall be elected biennially by the membership of the
19 committee. The vice-chair must be from the opposite house.

20 On the effective date of this act, the president of the senate
21 shall appoint an additional senate member as provided by the 1999
22 amendment of this section. With the appointment of the additional
23 member, the terms of officers elected before the effective date of this
24 act are terminated, and the committee shall hold an election of
25 officers.

26 The committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its orderly
27 operation.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 617. A new section is added to chapter 44.40
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 The members of the legislative transportation committee shall form
31 an executive committee consisting of two members from each of the four
32 major political caucuses, which will include the chair and vice-chair
33 of the legislative transportation committee. There will be four
34 alternates to the executive committee, one from each of the four major
35 political caucuses. Each alternate may represent a member from the
36 same political caucus from which they were chosen when that member is
37 absent, and have voting privileges during that absence.

1 The executive committee is responsible for performing all general
2 administrative and personnel duties assigned to it in the rules and
3 procedures adopted by the committee, as well as other duties delegated
4 to it by the committee. Except when those responsibilities are assumed
5 by the legislative transportation committee, the executive committee is
6 responsible for adopting interim work plans and meeting schedules,
7 approving all contracts signed on behalf of the committee, approving
8 policies for travel of members and staff, and setting policies for
9 staff utilization."

10 Renumber remaining sections and correct internal references
11 accordingly.