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By Representatives Fisher, Ericksen, K. Schmidt, Cooper, Romero, O'Brien, Haigh, Ogden, Voloria, Wood, McIntire, Murray and Ruderman; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to intercity passenger rail service; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 47.79 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.79 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Subject to appropriation, the department is authorized to acquire  
7 by purchase, lease, condemnation, gift, devise, bequest, grant, or  
8 exchange, title to or any interests or rights in real property adjacent  
9 to or used in association with state intercity passenger rail service  
10 which may include, but are not limited to, depots, platforms, parking  
11 areas, and maintenance facilities. The department is authorized to  
12 contract with a public or private entity for the operation,  
13 maintenance, and/or management of these facilities.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.79 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 Subject to appropriation, the department is authorized to accept  
17 and expend or use gifts, grants, and donations for the benefit of any  
18 depot, platform, parking area, maintenance facility, or other

1 associated rail facility. However, such an expenditure shall be for  
2 the public benefit of the state's intercity passenger rail service.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.79 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 Subject to appropriation, the department is authorized to exercise  
6 all the powers and perform all the duties necessary, convenient, or  
7 incidental to the planning, designing, constructing, improving,  
8 repairing, operating, and maintaining real property adjacent to or used  
9 in association with the state intercity passenger rail service which  
10 may include, but are not limited to, depots, platforms, parking areas,  
11 and maintenance facilities, even if such real property is owned or  
12 controlled by another entity. However, any expenditure of public funds  
13 for these purposes shall be directly related to public benefit of the  
14 state's intercity passenger rail service. The department shall enter  
15 into a written contract with the affected real property owners to  
16 secure the public's investment.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
20 immediately.

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