
HOUSE BILL 1672

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By Representatives Fisher, Mitchell and Poulsen; by request of The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of intelligent transportation systems and
2 traffic system management; adding a new section to chapter 47.05 RCW;
3 creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that emerging
7 technologies can assist in optimizing the state's large, complex, and
8 increasingly congested transportation system. Traffic system
9 management (TSM) and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) are
10 designed to add capacity without requiring major new infrastructure
11 additions.

12 The legislature intends that funding be provided to projects and
13 programs that provide cost-effective means of relieving congestion.
14 The projects and programs may include, but are not limited to, freeway
15 ramp metering, signal synchronization, patrols dedicated to removal of
16 disabled vehicles from roadways, and highway messaging signs.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.05 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 The commission shall allocate at least five percent of the funds
20 appropriated to the improvement program for intelligent transportation

1 systems (ITS) and traffic system management (TSM) projects and programs
2 that improve system performance and capacity. The projects and
3 programs may include, but are not limited to, the following: Traffic
4 and incident management, which includes freeway on-ramp metering;
5 signal synchronization; intersection modification; priority treatment
6 for high-occupancy and transit vehicles; and roving service patrols
7 designed to quickly remove disabled vehicles from roadways. Projects
8 and programs selected for funding under this section must undergo a
9 benefit/cost analysis that yields benefits greater than one to one.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 July 1, 2001.

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