
HOUSE BILL 1686

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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 allocation of new transportation revenues;
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; creating new sections;
3 providing a contingent effective date; and providing for submission of
4 this act to a vote of the people.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
7 public interest to ensure an equitable allocation of new transportation
8 revenues among regions of the state. It is further in the public
9 interest to ensure that each area of the state: (1) Has sufficient
10 funds to ensure adequate preservation, safety, and maintenance of
11 existing facilities and services; (2) is assured of receiving back a
12 minimum proportion of revenue that it contributes to overall state
13 transportation revenue collections; and (3) retains all funds generated
14 from locally imposed revenue sources.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The revenue provided by any newly initiated sources of revenue
18 for state transportation programs, or increased rates for existing

1 revenue sources, provided for after January 1, 2001, must be
2 distributed under this section. For the purposes of this section,
3 "existing revenue sources" means moneys that accrue to the motor
4 vehicle fund from the motor vehicle fuel tax and special fuel tax,
5 combined licensing fees, vehicle license fees, gross weight fees, ferry
6 toll revenues, and truck surcharges.

7 (a) There must be a statewide distribution among regions of the
8 state to ensure that there are sufficient funds in each region for
9 basic operations, maintenance, preservation, and safety of
10 transportation services including transit, ferry operations, city
11 streets, county roads, and state highways at a minimum level defined by
12 the transportation commission. The commission shall develop this
13 defined minimum level in cooperation with the association of Washington
14 cities and the Washington association of counties.

15 (b) After the distributions in (a) of this subsection, the funds
16 remaining must be distributed to regions at a minimum return rate of
17 eighty-five percent of the funds generated by each region.

18 (c) Any funds remaining after the distributions made under (b) of
19 this subsection are an equalization fund and must be used for
20 distributions to regions that are receiving a lesser amount of funds
21 than they generate.

22 (2) The transportation commission shall work with the association
23 of Washington cities and the Washington association of counties to
24 define transportation regions within the state.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The transportation commission shall submit
26 the minimum level criteria and the definition of regions developed by
27 it under section 2 of this act to the legislature by January 15, 2002.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The secretary of state shall submit this act
29 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the
30 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with
31 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to
32 facilitate its operation. If approved by a majority of those voting at
33 the November 2001 general election, this act takes effect January 1,
34 2002.

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