
SENATE BILL 5560

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By Senators Swecker, Rasmussen, Sheahan, Shin, Parlette, Oke, Hochstatter, Stevens and Hewitt

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1 AN ACT Relating to an alternative to Interstates 5 and 405;
2 creating a new section; making an appropriation; providing an effective
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of transportation, in
6 consultation with local officials and residents of the area, shall
7 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of creating a new north-
8 south corridor as an alternative to state route 5 and state route 405,
9 which would run from approximately the Canadian Border in the northern
10 portion of the state to approximately Lewis county in the southern
11 portion of the state. The study will be known as the middle Washington
12 corridor study, and the department shall report to the legislature, no
13 later than December 31, 2002, on the feasibility of financing and
14 constructing such a corridor, taking into consideration:

15 (1) Anticipated present and future freight demand, including
16 freight traffic relief that may be afforded existing state highway and
17 rail routes by the creation of such an alternative north-south
18 corridor;

1 (2) Anticipated present and future general purpose traffic demand,
2 including general purpose traffic relief that may be afforded existing
3 state highway routes by the creation of such an alternative north-south
4 corridor;

5 (3) A cost-benefit analysis detailing various funding
6 possibilities, including but not limited to construction and operation
7 of the corridor as a toll facility;

8 (4) A cost-benefit analysis detailing possible right-of-way
9 locations, including but not limited to property donations, trades, or
10 credits between or among the public and private sector; and

11 (5) Possible private sector, local, or other partnerships that may
12 be used to fund the project.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
14 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
15 the biennium ending June 30, 2003, from the motor vehicle fund to the
16 department of transportation for the middle Washington corridor study.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** 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 July 1, 2001.

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