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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6088** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Haugen, Eide, Marr, Sheldon, Berkey, Benton, and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction for state agencies;
2 amending RCW 70.94.541, 70.94.547, and 70.94.551; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.541 and 2006 c 329 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department of transportation shall provide staff support to
8 the commute trip reduction board in carrying out the requirements of
9 RCW 70.94.537.

10 (2) The department of transportation shall provide technical
11 assistance to regional transportation planning organizations, counties,
12 cities, ((and)) towns, ~~((the department of general administration,~~
13 ~~other))~~ state agencies, as defined in RCW 40.06.010, and other
14 employers in developing and implementing commute trip reduction plans
15 and programs. The technical assistance shall include: (a) Guidance in
16 single measurement methodology and practice to be used in determining
17 progress in attaining plan goals; (b) developing model plans and
18 programs appropriate to different situations; and (c) providing
19 consistent training and informational materials for the implementation

1 of commute trip reduction programs. Model plans and programs,
2 training, and informational materials shall be developed in cooperation
3 with representatives of regional transportation planning organizations,
4 local governments, transit agencies, and employers.

5 (3) In carrying out this section the department of transportation
6 may contract with statewide associations representing cities, towns,
7 and counties to assist cities, towns, and counties in implementing
8 commute trip reduction plans and programs.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.547 and 2006 c 329 s 10 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 The legislature hereby recognizes the state's crucial leadership
12 role in establishing and implementing effective commute trip reduction
13 programs. Therefore, it is the policy of the state that the department
14 of (~~general administration~~) transportation and other state agencies,
15 including institutions of higher education, shall aggressively develop
16 substantive programs to reduce commute trips by state employees.
17 Implementation of these programs will reduce energy consumption,
18 congestion in urban areas, and air and water pollution associated with
19 automobile travel.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.94.551 and 2006 c 329 s 11 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) The (~~director~~) secretary of the department of (~~general~~
23 ~~administration~~) transportation may coordinate an interagency board or
24 other interested parties for the purpose of developing policies or
25 guidelines that promote consistency among state agency commute trip
26 reduction programs required by RCW 70.94.527 and 70.94.531 or developed
27 under the joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan described in
28 this section. The board shall include representatives of the
29 departments of transportation, general administration, ecology, and
30 community, trade, and economic development and such other departments
31 and interested groups as the (~~director~~) secretary of the department
32 of (~~general — administration~~) transportation determines to be
33 necessary. Policies and guidelines shall be applicable to all state
34 agencies including but not limited to policies and guidelines regarding
35 parking and parking charges, employee incentives for commuting by other
36 than single-occupant automobiles, flexible and alternative work

1 schedules, alternative worksites, and the use of state-owned vehicles
2 for car and van pools and guaranteed rides home. The policies and
3 guidelines shall also consider the costs and benefits to state agencies
4 of achieving commute trip reductions and consider mechanisms for
5 funding state agency commute trip reduction programs.

6 (2) State agencies sharing a common location in affected urban
7 growth areas where the total number of state employees is one hundred
8 or more shall, with assistance from the department of (~~general~~
9 ~~administration~~) transportation, develop and implement a joint commute
10 trip reduction program. The worksite (~~shall~~) must be treated as
11 specified in RCW 70.94.531 and 70.94.534.

12 (3) The department of transportation shall develop a joint
13 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan for all state agencies,
14 including institutions of higher education, located in the Olympia,
15 Lacey, and Tumwater urban growth areas.

16 (a) In developing the joint comprehensive commute trip reduction
17 plan, the department of transportation shall work with applicable state
18 agencies, including institutions of higher education, and shall
19 collaborate with the following entities: Local jurisdictions; regional
20 transportation planning organizations as described in chapter 47.80
21 RCW; transit agencies, including regional transit authorities as
22 described in chapter 81.112 RCW and transit agencies that serve areas
23 within twenty-five miles of the Olympia, Lacey, or Tumwater urban
24 growth areas; and the capitol campus design advisory committee
25 established in RCW 43.34.080.

26 (b) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must build
27 on existing commute trip reduction programs and policies. At a
28 minimum, the joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must
29 include strategies for telework and flexible work schedules, parking
30 management, and consideration of the impacts of worksite location and
31 design on multimodal transportation options.

32 (c) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must
33 include performance measures and reporting methods and requirements.

34 (d) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan may include
35 strategies to accommodate differences in worksite size and location.

36 (e) The joint comprehensive commute trip reduction plan must be
37 consistent with jurisdictional and regional transportation, land use,

1 and commute trip reduction plans, the state six-year facilities plan,
2 and the master plan for the capitol of the state of Washington.

3 (f) Not more than ninety days after the adoption of the joint
4 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan, state agencies within the
5 three urban growth areas must implement a commute trip reduction
6 program consistent with the objectives and strategies of the joint
7 comprehensive commute trip reduction plan.

8 (4) The department of (~~general-administration~~) transportation
9 shall review the initial commute trip reduction program of each state
10 agency subject to the commute trip reduction plan for state agencies to
11 determine if the program is likely to meet the applicable commute trip
12 reduction goals and notify the agency of any deficiencies. If it is
13 found that the program is not likely to meet the applicable commute
14 trip reduction goals, the department of (~~general-administration~~)
15 transportation will work with the agency to modify the program as
16 necessary.

17 (~~(4)~~) (5) Each state agency implementing a commute trip reduction
18 plan shall report at least once per year to its agency director on the
19 performance of the agency's commute trip reduction program as part of
20 the agency's quality management, accountability, and performance system
21 as defined by RCW 43.17.385. The reports shall assess the performance
22 of the program, progress toward state goals established under RCW
23 70.94.537, and recommendations for improving the program.

24 (~~(5)~~) (6) The department of (~~general-administration~~)
25 transportation shall review the agency performance reports defined in
26 subsection (~~(4)~~) (5) of this section and submit a biennial report for
27 state agencies subject to this chapter to the governor and incorporate
28 the report in the commute trip reduction board report to the
29 legislature as directed in RCW 70.94.537(6). The report shall include,
30 but is not limited to, an evaluation of the most recent measurement
31 results, progress toward state goals established under RCW 70.94.537,
32 and recommendations for improving the performance of state agency
33 commute trip reduction programs. The information shall be reported in
34 a form established by the commute trip reduction board.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If specific funding for the purposes of this
36 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2009, in the omnibus capital appropriations act, this act is
2 null and void.

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