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1 AN ACT Relating to the freight mobility strategic investment
2 board's authority to remove funding allocation for projects after a
3 certain number of years without construction occurring; and amending
4 RCW 47.06A.050.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.06A.050 and 2013 c 104 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) For the purpose of allocating funds for the freight mobility
9 strategic investment program, the board shall allocate the first
10 fifty-five percent of funds to the highest priority projects, without
11 regard to location.

12 (2) The remaining funds shall be allocated equally among three
13 regions of the state, defined as follows:

14 (a) The Puget Sound region includes King, Pierce, and Snohomish
15 counties;

16 (b) The western Washington region includes Clallam, Jefferson,
17 Island, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays
18 Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum
19 counties; and

20 (c) The eastern Washington region includes Adams, Chelan,
21 Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane,

1 Stevens, Whitman, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield,
2 Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties.

3 (3) If a region does not have enough qualifying projects to
4 utilize its allocation of funds, the funds will be made available to
5 the next highest priority project, without regard to location.

6 (4) In the event that a proposal contains projects in more than
7 one region, for purposes of assuring that equitable geographic
8 distributions are made under subsection (2) of this section, the
9 board shall evaluate the proposal and proportionally assign the
10 benefits that are attributable to each region.

11 (5)(a) If the board identifies a project for funding, but later
12 determines that the project is not ready to proceed, the board shall
13 recommend removing the project from consideration and the next
14 highest priority project shall be substituted in the project
15 portfolio. Any project removed from funding consideration because it
16 is not ready to proceed shall retain its position on the priority
17 project list for six years.

18 (b) The board may remove a project from consideration after six
19 years for any of the following reasons: (i) The project has been
20 unable to obtain the necessary funding or financing to proceed, (ii)
21 the project priority in the jurisdiction where the project is located
22 has been decreased so that it is unlikely to be constructed within
23 two years, or (iii) there are quantifiable issues that make it highly
24 unlikely the project could obtain the necessary permits or could be
25 constructed as submitted in the original proposal to the board.

26 (c) To restore any project for funding consideration after it has
27 been removed under (b) of this subsection, the sponsoring public
28 entity must submit a new application, which must be considered by the
29 board in the same manner as new applicants.

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