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1 AN ACT Relating to the reporting of highway construction project
2 errors; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The department must submit a report to the legislature detailing
7 engineering errors on highway construction projects resulting in
8 project cost increases in excess of five hundred thousand dollars.
9 The department must submit an initial report of an engineering error
10 within thirty days of when the error occurred or when the department
11 became aware of the error. A full report must be submitted within
12 ninety days of the engineering error. The department may forego
13 submitting an initial report and submit the final report after ninety
14 days if the department and a contractor are contesting liability for
15 the engineering error.

16 (1) The department's report must include an assessment and review
17 of:

- 18 (a) How the engineering error happened;
19 (b) Who was responsible for the engineering error;
20 (c) What disciplinary action was taken;
21 (d) The amount of risk reserve on the project; and

1 (e) The amount of risk reserve used to address the engineering
2 error.

3 (2) If the error resulted in a project cost increase in excess of
4 one million dollars, the report must also assess:

5 (a) Why the responsible department employee or employees were not
6 terminated; and

7 (b) What action the secretary recommends to avoid similar errors
8 in the future.

9 (3) If the legislature finds that the actions taken by the
10 secretary were inadequate, the legislature may take additional action
11 to correct the problem.

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