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SENATE BILL 6567

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State of Washington                      64th Legislature                      2016 Regular Session

By Senators Hobbs, Pearson, Lias, McCoy, and McAuliffe

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1            AN ACT Relating to the state route number 2 trestle; and creating  
2 new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state route  
5 number 2 trestle is a critical east-west link for Snohomish county  
6 for the following reasons:

7            (1) The trestle directly serves Snohomish county's employment  
8 center and its aerospace manufacturing and supply cluster;

9            (2) The trestle carries seventy-three thousand vehicles per day  
10 and the westbound trestle experiences at least two hours of  
11 congestion each morning;

12            (3) Significant congestion and gridlock also exists at the east  
13 end of the trestle, with growing traffic volumes on the bridge  
14 structure from state route number 204, 20th Street, and state route  
15 number 9;

16            (4) An additional four hundred forty-six thousand people and two  
17 hundred forty-six thousand jobs are projected for Snohomish county by  
18 2040, which will result in increased traffic congestion; and

19            (5) The trestle provides freight benefits to the region and the  
20 state by carrying over ten million tons of freight annually.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The legislature recognizes that the state  
2 route number 2 trestle is over forty years old and is susceptible to  
3 wind and earthquake damage. The legislature also recognizes that  
4 despite recent repairs to remove corrosion from the steel frame and  
5 reinforcing the girders on the underside of the trestle, the  
6 structure will ultimately have to be replaced.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The legislature acknowledges that cities  
8 in the vicinity of the state route number 2 trestle have formed a  
9 strong partnership to develop a long-term vision for the necessary  
10 improvements to the trestle. The legislature also recognizes that the  
11 regional development plan completed in 2011 by the Washington state  
12 department of transportation recognized that replacing the trestle  
13 will require significant lead time because of the complex  
14 environmental and constructability issues involved.

15        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The legislature expresses its intent to  
16 provide three million dollars to the Washington state department of  
17 transportation to conduct preliminary environmental, design, and cost  
18 estimate work to begin the initial work referenced in the route  
19 development plan and create an opportunity to leverage both future  
20 state and federal funding to ultimately replace the state route  
21 number 2 trestle.

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