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By Senators Hobbs, King, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to measuring the performance of the state
2 transportation system; amending RCW 47.01.071 and 47.64.360;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 47.04.280; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 47.04 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.071 and 2007 c 516 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The transportation commission shall have the following functions,
9 powers, and duties:

10 (1) To propose policies to be adopted by the governor and the
11 legislature designed to assure the development and maintenance of a
12 comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system which will
13 meet the needs of the people of this state for safe and efficient
14 transportation services. Wherever appropriate, the policies shall
15 provide for the use of integrated, intermodal transportation systems.
16 The policies must be aligned with the goals established in RCW
17 47.04.280. To this end the commission shall:

18 (a) Develop transportation policies which are based on the
19 policies, goals, and objectives expressed and inherent in existing
20 state laws;

1 (b) Inventory the adopted policies, goals, and objectives of the
2 local and area-wide governmental bodies of the state and define the
3 role of the state, regional, and local governments in determining
4 transportation policies, in transportation planning, and in
5 implementing the state transportation plan;

6 (c) Establish a procedure for review and revision of the state
7 transportation policy and for submission of proposed changes to the
8 governor and the legislature; and

9 (d) Integrate the statewide transportation plan with the needs of
10 the elderly and persons with disabilities, and coordinate federal and
11 state programs directed at assisting local governments to answer such
12 needs;

13 (2) To provide for the effective coordination of state
14 transportation planning with national transportation policy, state
15 and local land use policies, and local and regional transportation
16 plans and programs;

17 (3) In conjunction with the provisions under RCW 47.01.075, to
18 provide for public involvement in transportation designed to elicit
19 the public's views both with respect to adequate transportation
20 services and appropriate means of minimizing adverse social,
21 economic, environmental, and energy impact of transportation
22 programs;

23 (4) By December 2010, to prepare a comprehensive and balanced
24 statewide transportation plan consistent with the state's growth
25 management goals and based on the transportation policy goals
26 provided under RCW 47.04.280 and applicable state and federal laws.
27 The plan must reflect the priorities of government developed by the
28 office of financial management and address regional needs, including
29 multimodal transportation planning. The plan must, at a minimum: (a)
30 Establish a vision for the development of the statewide
31 transportation system; (b) identify significant statewide
32 transportation policy issues; and (c) recommend statewide
33 transportation policies and strategies to the legislature to fulfill
34 the requirements of subsection (1) of this section. The plan must be
35 the product of an ongoing process that involves representatives of
36 significant transportation interests and the general public from
37 across the state. Every four years, the plan shall be reviewed and
38 revised, and submitted to the governor and the house of
39 representatives and senate standing committees on transportation.

1 The plan shall take into account federal law and regulations
2 relating to the planning, construction, and operation of
3 transportation facilities;

4 ~~(5) ((By December 2007, the office of financial management shall
5 submit a baseline report on the progress toward attaining the policy
6 goals under RCW 47.04.280 in the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium. By
7 October 1, 2008, beginning with the development of the 2009-2011
8 biennial transportation budget, and by October 1st biennially
9 thereafter, the office of financial management shall submit to the
10 legislature and the governor a report on the progress toward the
11 attainment by state transportation agencies of the state
12 transportation policy goals and objectives prescribed by statute,
13 appropriation, and governor directive. The report must, at a minimum,
14 include the degree to which state transportation programs have
15 progressed toward the attainment of the policy goals established
16 under RCW 47.04.280, as measured by the objectives and performance
17 measures established by the office of financial management under RCW
18 47.04.280;~~

19 ~~(6))~~ To propose to the governor and the legislature prior to the
20 convening of each regular session held in an odd-numbered year a
21 recommended budget for the operations of the commission as required
22 by RCW 47.01.061;

23 ~~((7))~~ (6) To adopt such rules as may be necessary to carry out
24 reasonably and properly those functions expressly vested in the
25 commission by statute;

26 ~~((8))~~ (7) To contract with the office of financial management
27 or other appropriate state agencies for administrative support,
28 accounting services, computer services, and other support services
29 necessary to carry out its other statutory duties;

30 ~~((9))~~ (8) To conduct transportation-related studies and policy
31 analysis to the extent directed by the legislature or governor in the
32 biennial transportation budget act, or as otherwise provided in law,
33 and subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
34 specific purpose; and

35 ~~((10))~~ (9) To exercise such other specific powers and duties as
36 may be vested in the transportation commission by this or any other
37 provision of law.

38 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 47.04
39 RCW to read as follows:

1 By October 1, 2016, and by October 1st biennially thereafter, the
2 office of financial management shall review and comment prior to the
3 department of transportation submitting to the legislature and the
4 governor a report on the progress toward the attainment by state
5 transportation agencies of the state transportation policy goals and
6 objectives prescribed by statute, appropriation, and governor
7 directive. The report must, at a minimum, include the degree to which
8 state transportation programs have progressed toward the attainment
9 of the policy goals established under RCW 47.04.280, as measured by
10 the objectives and performance measures established under RCW
11 47.04.280.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.04.280 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 16 s 1 and 2015 3rd
13 sp.s. c 1 s 304 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to establish policy goals
15 for the planning, operation, performance of, and investment in, the
16 state's transportation system. The policy goals established under
17 this section are deemed consistent with the benchmark categories
18 adopted by the state's blue ribbon commission on transportation on
19 November 30, 2000. Public investments in transportation should
20 support achievement of these policy goals:

21 (a) Economic vitality: To promote and develop transportation
22 systems that stimulate, support, and enhance the movement of people
23 and goods to ensure a prosperous economy;

24 (b) Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and
25 utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

26 (c) Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of
27 transportation customers and the transportation system;

28 (d) Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and
29 people throughout Washington state, including congestion relief and
30 improved freight mobility;

31 (e) Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through
32 transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance
33 healthy communities, and protect the environment; and

34 (f) Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality,
35 effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

36 (2) The powers, duties, and functions of state transportation
37 agencies must be performed in a manner consistent with the policy
38 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

1 (3) These policy goals are intended to be the basis for
2 establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related
3 performance measures.

4 (4) It is the intent of the legislature that the (~~department of~~
5 ~~transportation establish~~) office of financial management oversee the
6 establishment of objectives and performance measures for the
7 department and other state agencies with transportation-related
8 responsibilities to ensure transportation system performance at
9 local, regional, and state government levels progresses toward the
10 attainment of the policy goals set forth in subsection (1) of this
11 section. The department of transportation shall submit objectives and
12 performance measures to the legislature for its review and shall
13 provide copies of the same to the commission during each regular
14 session of the legislature during an even-numbered year thereafter.

15 (5) A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
16 planning may voluntarily establish objectives and performance
17 measures to demonstrate progress toward the attainment of the policy
18 goals set forth in subsection (1) of this section or any other
19 transportation policy goals established by the local or regional
20 agency. A local or regional agency engaging in transportation
21 planning is encouraged to provide local and regional objectives and
22 performance measures to be included with the objectives and
23 performance measures submitted to the legislature pursuant to
24 subsection (4) of this section.

25 (6) This section does not create a private right of action.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.64.360 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 306 are each
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (1) The department of transportation shall complete a government
29 management and accountability performance report that provides a
30 baseline assessment of current performance on the performance
31 measures identified in RCW 47.64.355 using final 2009-2011 data. This
32 report must be presented to the legislature by November 1, 2011,
33 through the attainment report required in (~~RCW 47.01.071(5)~~)
34 section 2 of this act and RCW 47.04.280.

35 (2) By December 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, the
36 department of transportation shall complete a performance report for
37 the prior fiscal year. This report must be reviewed by the office of
38 financial management, which must provide comment on the report, and

1 the joint transportation committee, prior to submitting the report to
2 the legislature and governor.

3 (3) Management shall lead implementation of the performance
4 measures in RCW 47.64.355.

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