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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring transit passes to be provided by
2 certain entities; and amending RCW 70.94.531.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.531 and 2013 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) State agency worksites are subject to the same requirements
7 under this section and RCW 70.94.534 as private employers.

8 (2) Not more than ninety days after the adoption of a
9 jurisdiction's commute trip reduction plan, each major employer in
10 that jurisdiction shall perform a baseline measurement consistent
11 with the rules established by the department of transportation under
12 RCW 70.94.537. Not more than ninety days after receiving the results
13 of the baseline measurement, each major employer shall develop a
14 commute trip reduction program and shall submit a description of that
15 program to the jurisdiction for review. The program shall be
16 implemented not more than ninety days after approval by the
17 jurisdiction.

18 (3) A commute trip reduction program of a major employer shall
19 consist of, at a minimum (a) designation of a transportation
20 coordinator and the display of the name, location, and telephone
21 number of the coordinator in a prominent manner at each affected

1 worksite; (b) regular distribution of information to employees
2 regarding alternatives to single-occupant vehicle commuting; (c) a
3 regular review of employee commuting and reporting of progress toward
4 meeting the single-occupant vehicle reduction goals to the county,
5 city, or town consistent with the method established in the commute
6 trip reduction plan and the rules established by the department of
7 transportation under RCW 70.94.537; and (d) implementation of a set
8 of measures designed to achieve the applicable commute trip reduction
9 goals adopted by the jurisdiction. Such measures may include but are
10 not limited to:

11 (i) Provision of preferential parking or reduced parking charges,
12 or both, for high occupancy vehicles and motorcycles;

13 (ii) Instituting or increasing parking charges for single-
14 occupant vehicles;

15 (iii) Provision of commuter ride matching services to facilitate
16 employee ride sharing for commute trips;

17 (iv) Provision of subsidies for transit fares;

18 (v) Provision of vans for van pools;

19 (vi) Provision of subsidies for car pooling or van pooling;

20 (vii) Permitting the use of the employer's vehicles for car
21 pooling or van pooling;

22 (viii) Permitting flexible work schedules to facilitate
23 employees' use of transit, car pools, or van pools;

24 (ix) Cooperation with transportation providers to provide
25 additional regular or express service to the worksite;

26 (x) Construction of special loading and unloading facilities for
27 transit, car pool, and van pool users;

28 (xi) Provision of bicycle parking facilities, lockers, changing
29 areas, and showers for employees who bicycle or walk to work;

30 (xii) Provision of a program of parking incentives such as a
31 rebate for employees who do not use the parking facility;

32 (xiii) Establishment of a program to permit employees to work
33 part or full time at home or at an alternative worksite closer to
34 their homes;

35 (xiv) Establishment of a program of alternative work schedules
36 such as compressed workweek schedules which reduce commuting; and

37 (xv) Implementation of other measures designed to facilitate the
38 use of high occupancy vehicles such as on-site day care facilities
39 and emergency taxi services.

1 (4)(a) Institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW
2 28B.10.016, that have a campus located in a county with a population
3 of more than one million five hundred thousand with a combined total
4 of more than fifty thousand students and employees must provide all
5 employees at every campus with a transit pass, at no cost to the
6 employees, that allows such employees to travel by transit, at no
7 cost to the employees, to or from the campus where a particular
8 employee is employed.

9 (b) Every institution of higher education providing transit
10 passes pursuant to (a) of this subsection must provide a report to
11 the transportation committees of the legislature by November 15,
12 2020, regarding the process and costs associated with providing
13 transit passes to its employees. The report must also detail, for
14 each of the following wage ranges, the total cost associated with
15 providing transit passes to all employees making:

16 (i) Less than fifty thousand dollars per year;

17 (ii) Fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars per year;

18 (iii) More than seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand
19 dollars per year; and

20 (iv) More than one hundred thousand dollars per year.

21 (c) Nothing contained in this subsection (4) may be construed to
22 alter the provisions of any existing collective bargaining agreement
23 until the agreement has expired.

24 (5) Employers or owners of worksites may form or utilize existing
25 transportation management associations or other transportation-
26 related associations authorized by RCW 35.87A.010 to assist members
27 in developing and implementing commute trip reduction programs.

28 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Employers shall make a good faith effort towards
29 achievement of the goals identified in RCW 70.94.527(4)(d).

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