
SENATE BILL 6193

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging cost-efficiency and environmental
2 protection by state employees using motor vehicles on official
3 business; amending RCW 43.03.060; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that when elective
6 or appointive officials or employees of the state travel by vehicle
7 away from their designated posts of duty while engaged on official
8 business, the reimbursement of private motor use should not exceed
9 the average cost of operation of state-owned motor vehicles. The
10 legislature finds that this policy will be advantageous to the state
11 by ensuring the most economical option be used for state employee
12 travel, which will also likely result in less fossil fuel consumption
13 and carbon emission production.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.03.060 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 21 s 62 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) Whenever it becomes necessary for elective or appointive
17 officials or employees of the state to travel away from their
18 designated posts of duty while engaged on official business, and it
19 is found to be more advantageous or economical to the state that
20 travel be by a privately-owned vehicle rather than a common carrier

1 or a state-owned or operated vehicle, a mileage rate established by
2 the director of financial management shall be allowed. ((The)) If an
3 official or employee chooses to use a privately-owned motor vehicle
4 and the request is approved by the agency head or authorized
5 designee, the mileage rate established by the director shall not
6 exceed ((any rate set by the United States treasury department above
7 which the substantiation requirements specified in Treasury
8 Department Regulations section 1.274-5T(a)(1), as now law or
9 hereafter amended, will apply)) the average cost per mile of
10 operation of state-owned motor vehicles, as determined by the
11 department of enterprise services.

12 (2) The director of financial management may prescribe and
13 regulate the specific mileage rate or other allowance for the use of
14 privately-owned vehicles or common carriers on official business and
15 the conditions under which reimbursement of transportation costs may
16 be allowed. The reimbursement or other payment for transportation
17 expenses of any employee or appointive official of the state shall be
18 based on the method deemed most advantageous or economical to the
19 state.

20 (3) The mileage rate established by the director of financial
21 management pursuant to this section and any subsequent changes
22 thereto shall be reported to the ways and means committees of the
23 house of representatives and the senate at each regular session of
24 the legislature.

25 (4) No person designated as a member of a class one through class
26 three or class five board, commission, council, committee, or similar
27 group may receive an allowance for subsistence, lodging, or travel
28 expenses if the allowance cost is funded by the state general fund.
29 Exceptions may be granted under RCW 43.03.049.

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