
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5899

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Owen, Prentice and Prince)

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1 AN ACT Relating to including proximate commuting as a
2 transportation demand management strategy to be used in the
3 implementation of the commute trip reduction act; amending RCW
4 70.94.531; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new employer-based commute reduction
7 program called proximate commuting is an attractive transportation
8 demand management strategy. It systematically identifies long distance
9 commuters working for multisite employers who could work closer to
10 home, doing the same job for the same employer, and makes easier
11 voluntary transfers to the shorter-commute worksites. Once employees
12 are working closer to home, other commute options, including walking,
13 bicycling, and ridesharing become more practical.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.531 and 1991 c 202 s 13 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) Not more than six months after the adoption of the commute trip
17 reduction plan by a jurisdiction, each major employer in that
18 jurisdiction shall develop a commute trip reduction program and shall

1 submit a description of that program to the jurisdiction for review.
2 The program shall be implemented not more than six months after
3 submission to the jurisdiction.

4 (2) A commute trip reduction program shall consist of, at a minimum
5 (a) designation of a transportation coordinator and the display of the
6 name, location, and telephone number of the coordinator in a prominent
7 manner at each affected worksite; (b) regular distribution of
8 information to employees regarding alternatives to single-occupant
9 vehicle commuting; (c) an annual review of employee commuting and
10 reporting of progress toward meeting the single-occupant vehicle
11 reduction goals to the county, city, or town consistent with the method
12 established in the commute trip reduction plan; and (d) implementation
13 of a set of measures designed to achieve the applicable commute trip
14 reduction goals adopted by the jurisdiction. Such measures may include
15 but are not limited to:

16 (i) Provision of preferential parking or reduced parking charges,
17 or both, for high occupancy vehicles;

18 (ii) Instituting or increasing parking charges for single-occupant
19 vehicles;

20 (iii) Provision of commuter ride matching services to facilitate
21 employee ridesharing for commute trips;

22 (iv) Provision of subsidies for transit fares;

23 (v) Provision of vans for van pools;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (xiv) Establishment of a program of alternative work schedules such
2 as compressed work week schedules which reduce commuting; (~~and~~)

3 (xv) Establishment of proximate commute programs by employers with
4 multiple worksites; and

5 (xvi) Implementation of other measures designed to facilitate the
6 use of high-occupancy vehicles such as on-site day care facilities and
7 emergency taxi services.

8 (3) Employers or owners of worksites may form or utilize existing
9 transportation management associations to assist members in developing
10 and implementing commute trip reduction programs.

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