
SENATE BILL 5170

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By Senators Jacobsen, Finkbeiner, Eide and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that commuting
5 accounts for more trips and miles traveled than any other single
6 purpose. The legislature also recognizes that telework has been
7 found to reduce commute trips and provide flexibility in work-
8 related travel. Additionally, telework enables employers to allow
9 employees to work outside of urban areas, which reduces urban
10 commute trips while strengthening rural economies. The legislature
11 further recognizes that telework is a key component in a
12 comprehensive transportation demand management package.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The joint task force on telework
14 enhancement is created, to be composed of:

15 (1) Eight members of the legislature selected as follows: Two
16 members from the house of representatives transportation
17 committee; two members from the house of representatives

1 technology, telecommunications, and energy committee; two members
2 from the senate transportation committee; and two members from the
3 senate energy, technology, and telecommunications committee;

4 (2) At least one person representing each of the following:

5 (a) The office of financial management;

6 (b) The telecommunications industry;

7 (c) Labor organizations;

8 (d) The department of transportation;

9 (e) The utilities and transportation commission;

10 (f) The department of community, trade, and economic
11 development;

12 (g) A business or other organization that has successfully
13 implemented a telework program;

14 (h) The Washington State University Energy Program; and

15 (i) The department of information services.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint task force on telework
17 enhancement shall meet during the interim and report back to the
18 legislature by December 1, 2001. The report to the senate and house
19 of representatives must include, but is not limited to, analysis
20 and recommendations on the following:

21 (1) Innovative information technologies, including
22 collaborative software and videoconferencing;

23 (2) The impact of telework on the transportation system;

24 (3) Successful rural telework efforts; and

25 (4) Employers that have operations and attributes that would
26 naturally benefit from telework.

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