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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Finkbeiner, Haugen, Kline, Winsley and McAuliffe; by request of Office of Financial Management)

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1 AN ACT Relating to commute trip reduction incentives; adding a new
2 section to chapter 70.94 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW;
3 creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.04.4453, 82.04.4454,
4 82.04.4455, 82.16.048, and 82.16.049; prescribing penalties; providing
5 an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
8 throughout this chapter and section 8 of this act unless the context
9 clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Public agency" means any county, city, or other local
11 government agency or any state government agency, board, or commission.

12 (2) "Public transportation" means the same as "public
13 transportation service" as defined in RCW 36.57A.010 and includes
14 passenger services of the Washington state ferries.

15 (3) "Nonmotorized commuting" means commuting to and from the
16 workplace by an employee by walking or running or by riding a bicycle
17 or other device not powered by a motor.

1 (4) "Ride sharing" means the same as "commuter ride sharing" as
2 defined in RCW 46.74.010, including ride sharing on Washington state
3 ferries.

4 (5) "Car sharing" means a membership program intended to offer an
5 alternative to car ownership under which persons or entities that
6 become members are permitted to use vehicles from a fleet on an hourly
7 basis.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Employers in this state who are taxable
9 under chapter 82.04 or 82.16 RCW and provide financial incentives to
10 their own or other employees for ride sharing, for using public
11 transportation, for using car sharing, or for using nonmotorized
12 commuting before June 30, 2006, are allowed a credit against taxes
13 payable under chapter 82.04 or 82.16 RCW for amounts paid to or on
14 behalf of employees for ride sharing in vehicles carrying two or more
15 persons, for using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for
16 using nonmotorized commuting, not to exceed sixty dollars per employee
17 per year.

18 (2) Property managers who are taxable under chapter 82.04 or 82.16
19 RCW and provide financial incentives to persons employed at a worksite
20 in this state managed by the property manager for ride sharing, for
21 using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for using
22 nonmotorized commuting before June 30, 2006, are allowed a credit
23 against taxes payable under chapter 82.04 or 82.16 RCW for amounts paid
24 to or on behalf of these persons for ride sharing in vehicles carrying
25 two or more persons, for using public transportation, for using car
26 sharing, or for using nonmotorized commuting, not to exceed sixty
27 dollars per person per year. A person may not take a credit under this
28 section for amounts claimed for credit by other persons.

29 (3) The credit under this section is equal to the amount paid to or
30 on behalf of each employee multiplied by fifty percent, but may not
31 exceed sixty dollars per employee per year. The credit may not exceed
32 the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under chapters 82.04 or
33 82.16 RCW.

34 (4) A person may not receive credit under this section for amounts
35 paid to or on behalf of the same employee under both chapters 82.04 and
36 82.16 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Application for tax credit under section
2 2 of this act may only be made in the form and manner prescribed in
3 rules adopted by the department.

4 (2) The credit under this section shall be taken against taxes due
5 for the same calendar year in which the amounts for which credit is
6 claimed were paid to or on behalf of employees for ride sharing, for
7 using public transportation, for using car sharing, or for using
8 nonmotorized commuting and must be claimed by the due date of the last
9 tax return for the calendar year in which the payment is made.

10 (3) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement of a material
11 fact in the application for a credit under section 2 of this act is
12 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department shall keep a running
14 total of all credits granted under section 2 of this act and all grants
15 provided under section 8 of this act during each calendar year. The
16 department shall disallow any credits that would cause:

17 (a) The tabulation for credits and grants in any calendar year to
18 exceed five million dollars; or

19 (b) The tabulation for credits in any calendar year to exceed the
20 amount provided from the multimodal transportation account.

21 (2) No person is eligible for tax credits under section 2 of this
22 act in excess of one hundred thousand dollars in any calendar year.

23 (3) No person is eligible for tax credits under section 2 of this
24 act in excess of the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under
25 chapter 82.04 or 82.16 RCW.

26 (4) No portion of an application for credit disallowed under this
27 section may be carried back or carried forward.

28 (5) No person is eligible for both grants provided under section 8
29 of this act and tax credits under section 2 of this act within the same
30 calendar year.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The director shall on the 25th of
32 February, May, August, and November of each year advise the state
33 treasurer of the amount of credit taken under section 2 of this act
34 during the preceding calendar quarter ending on the last day of
35 December, March, June, and September, respectively.

36 (2) On the 1st of April, July, October, and January of each year,
37 the state treasurer based upon information provided by the department

1 shall deposit to the general fund a sum equal to the dollar amount of
2 the credit provided under section 2 of this act from the multimodal
3 transportation account.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The commute trip reduction task force shall
5 determine the effectiveness of the tax credit under section 2 of this
6 act as part of its ongoing evaluation of the commute trip reduction law
7 and report to the legislative transportation committee and to the
8 fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate. The
9 report shall include information on the amount of tax credits claimed
10 to date and recommendations on future funding for the tax credit
11 program. The report shall be incorporated into the recommendations
12 required in RCW 70.94.537(5).

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This chapter expires December 31, 2006.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The department of transportation shall administer a grant
17 program for public agencies, nonprofit organizations, developers, and
18 property managers who provide financial incentives for ride sharing in
19 vehicles carrying two or more persons, for using public transportation,
20 for using car sharing, or for using nonmotorized commuting, before June
21 30, 2006, to their own or other employees.

22 (2) Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, developers, and
23 property managers are not eligible within the same calendar year for
24 grants provided under this section and credits under section 2 of this
25 act.

26 (3) The amount of the grant is equal to the amount paid to or on
27 behalf of each employee multiplied by fifty percent, but may not exceed
28 sixty dollars per employee per year.

29 (4) No public agency, nonprofit organization, developer, or
30 property manager is eligible for grants under this section in excess of
31 one hundred thousand dollars in any calendar year.

32 (5) No more than two million dollars in grants may be awarded in
33 any calendar year.

34 (6) The department of transportation shall report to the department
35 of revenue by the 15th day of each month the aggregate monetary amount

1 of grants provided under this section in the prior month and the
2 identity of the recipients of those grants.

3 (7) The total of credits granted under section 2 of this act and
4 grants provided under this section may not exceed five million dollars
5 in any calendar year. The department of revenue shall notify the
6 department of transportation when this limitation has been reached.

7 (8) The source of funds for this grant program is the multimodal
8 transportation account.

9 (9) This section expires December 31, 2006.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
11 repealed:

12 (1) RCW 82.04.4453 (Credit--Ride-sharing, public transportation, or
13 nonmotorized commuting incentives--Penalty--Report to legislature) and
14 1999 c 402 s 1, 1996 c 128 s 1, & 1994 c 270 s 2;

15 (2) RCW 82.04.4454 (Credit--Ride-sharing, public transportation, or
16 nonmotorized commuting incentives--Ceiling) and 1999 c 402 s 3, 1996 c
17 128 s 2, & 1994 c 270 s 3;

18 (3) RCW 82.04.4455 (Credit--Ride-sharing, public transportation, or
19 nonmotorized commuting incentives--Definitions) and 1996 c 128 s 5;

20 (4) RCW 82.16.048 (Credit--Ride-sharing, public transportation, or
21 nonmotorized commuting incentives--Penalty--Report to legislature) and
22 1999 c 402 s 2, 1996 c 128 s 3, & 1994 c 270 s 4; and

23 (5) RCW 82.16.049 (Credit--Ride-sharing, public transportation, or
24 nonmotorized commuting incentives--Ceiling) and 1999 c 402 s 4, 1996 c
25 128 s 4, & 1994 c 270 s 5.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act constitute
27 a new chapter in Title 82 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The code reviser shall place cross-
29 reference sections to chapter 82.-- RCW (sections 1 through 7 of this
30 act) in chapters 82.04 and 82.16 RCW.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This act takes effect January 1, 2002.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** If specific funding for the purposes of
33 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not

1 provided by legislative appropriation to the multimodal transportation
2 account by December 31, 2001, this act is null and void.

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