<u>SHB 1541</u> - S AMD By Senator Haugen

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. (1) The 3 4 legislature finds that the public-private initiatives act created under 5 chapter 47.46 RCW has not met the needs and expectations of the public 6 or private sectors for the development of transportation projects. The 7 legislature intends to phase out chapter 47.46 RCW coincident with the 8 completion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge - SR 16 public-private 9 partnership. From the effective date of this act, this chapter will provide a more desirable and effective approach to developing 10 11 transportation projects in partnership with the private sector by 12 applying lessons learned from other states and from this state's tenyear experience with chapter 47.46 RCW. 13

14 (2) It is the legislature's intent to achieve the following goals 15 through the creation of this new approach to public-private 16 partnerships:

17 (a) To provide a well-defined mechanism to facilitate the18 collaboration between public and private entities in transportation;

(b) To bring innovative thinking from the private sector and otherstates to bear on public projects within the state;

(c) To provide greater flexibility in achieving the transportation projects; and

(d) To allow for creative cost and risk sharing between the publicand private partners.

(3) The legislature intends that the powers granted in this chapter to the commission or department are in addition to any powers granted under chapter 47.56 RCW.

(4) It is further the intent of the legislature that the commissionshall be responsible for receiving, reviewing, and approving proposals

with technical support of the department; rule making; and for
 oversight of contract execution. The department shall be responsible
 for evaluating proposals and negotiating contracts.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this 5 section apply throughout this chapter.

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(1) "Authority" means the transportation commission.

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8 (3) "Department" means the department of transportation.

(2) "Commission" means the transportation commission.

9 (4) "Eligible project" means any project eligible for development 10 under section 5 of this act.

11 (5) "Eligible public works project" means only a project that meets 12 the criteria of either section 6 (3) or (4) of this act.

13 (6) "Private sector partner" and "private partner" means a person, 14 entity, or organization that is not the federal government, a state, or 15 a political subdivision of a state.

16 (7) "Public funds" means all moneys derived from taxes, fees, 17 charges, tolls, etc.

18 (8) "Public sector partner" and "public partner" means any federal 19 or state unit of government, bistate transportation organization, or 20 any other political subdivision of any state.

(9) "Transportation innovative partnership program" or "program"
 means the program as outlined in section 4 of this act.

(10) "Transportation project" means a project, whether capital or operating, where the state's primary purpose for the project is to preserve or facilitate the safe transport of people or goods via any mode of travel. However, this does not include projects that are primarily for recreational purposes, such as parks, hiking trails, offroad vehicle trails, etc.

(11) "Unit of government" means any department or agency of the 29 30 federal government, any state or agency, office, or department of a 31 state, any city, county, district, commission, authority, entity, port, or other public corporation organized and existing under statutory law 32 33 under voter-approved charter or initiative, or а and any 34 intergovernmental entity created under chapter 39.34 RCW or this 35 chapter.

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PART I

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION POWERS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES. In addition to the powers it now possesses, the
commission shall:

5 (1) Approve or review contracts or agreements authorized in this6 chapter;

7 (2) Adopt rules to carry out this chapter and govern the program,
8 which at a minimum must address the following issues:

9 (a) The types of projects allowed; however, all allowed projects 10 must be included in the Washington transportation plan or identified by 11 the authority as being a priority need for the state;

(b) The types of contracts allowed, with consideration given to thebest practices available;

14 (c) The composition of the team responsible for the evaluation of 15 proposals to include:

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(i) Washington state department of transportation staff;

(ii) An independent representative of a consulting or contracting field with no interests in the project that is prohibited from becoming a project manager for the project and bidding on any part of the project;

(iii) An observer from the state auditor's office or the joint legislative audit and review committee;

(iv) A person appointed by the commission, if the secretary of transportation is a cabinet member, or appointed by the governor if the secretary of transportation is not a cabinet member; and

26 (v) A financial expert;

(d) Minimum standards and criteria required of all proposals;

(e) Procedures for the proper solicitation, acceptance, review, and
 evaluation of projects;

30 (f) Criteria to be considered in the evaluation and selection of 31 proposals that includes:

(i) Comparison with the department's internal ability to complete
the project that documents the advantages of completing the project as
a partnership versus solely as a public venture; and

35 (ii) Factors such as, but not limited to: priority, cost, risk 36 sharing, scheduling, and management conditions;

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1 (g) The protection of confidential proprietary information while 2 still meeting the need for public disclosure that is consistent with 3 section 19 of this act;

4 (h) Protection for local contractors to participate in 5 subcontracting opportunities;

6 (i) Specifying that maintenance issues must be resolved in a manner 7 consistent with the personnel system reform act, chapter 41.80 RCW;

8 (j) Specifying that provisions regarding patrolling and law 9 enforcement on a public facility are subject to approval by the 10 Washington state patrol;

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(3) Adopt guidelines to address security and performance issues.

Preliminary rules and guidelines developed under this section must be submitted to the chairs and ranking members of both transportation committees by November 30, 2005, for review and comment. All final rules and guidelines must be submitted to the full legislature during the 2006 session for review.

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PART II

TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE The Transportation Innovative Partnerships Act is 20 PARTNERSHIPS. created for the planning, acquisition, design, financing, management, 21 development, construction, reconstruction, replacement, improvement, 22 23 maintenance, preservation, repair, and operation of transportation projects. The goals of this chapter are to: 24

- 25 (1) Reduce the cost of transportation project delivery;
- 26 (2) Recover transportation investment costs;

27 (3) Develop an expedited project delivery process;

(4) Encourage business investment in public infrastructure;

29 (5) Use any fund source outside the state treasury, where 30 financially advantageous and in the public interest;

31 (6) Maximize innovation;

32 (7) Develop partnerships between and among private entities and the 33 public sector for the advancement of public purposes on mutually 34 beneficial terms;

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(8) Create synergies between and among public sector entities to

1 develop projects that serve both transportation and other important 2 public purposes; and

3 (9) Access specialized construction management and project4 management services and techniques available in the private sector.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS. Projects eligible for 6 development under this chapter include:

7 (1) Transportation projects, whether capital or operating, where 8 the state's primary purpose for the project is to facilitate the safe 9 transport of people or goods via any mode of travel. However, this 10 does not include projects that are primarily for recreational purposes, 11 such as parks, hiking trails, off-road vehicle trails, etc.; and

12 (2) Facilities, structures, operations, properties, vehicles, 13 vessels, or the like that are developed concurrently with an eligible 14 transportation project and that are capable of (a) providing revenues 15 to support financing of an eligible transportation project, or (b) that 16 are public projects that advance public purposes unrelated to 17 transportation.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. ELIGIBLE TYPES OF FINANCING. (1) Subject to 18 the limitations in this section, the department may, in connection with 19 20 the evaluation of eligible projects, consider any financing mechanisms identified under subsections (3) through (5) of this section or any 21 22 other lawful source, either integrated as part of a project proposal or 23 as a separate, stand-alone proposal to finance a project. Financing 24 may be considered for all or part of a proposed project. A project may 25 be financed in whole or in part with:

(a) The proceeds of grant anticipation revenue bonds authorized by
23 U.S.C. Sec. 122 and applicable state law. Legislative authorization
and appropriation is required in order to use this source of financing;

(b) Grants, loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, revolving
lines of credit, or other financing arrangements available under the
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act under 23
U.S.C. Sec. 181 et seq., or any other applicable federal law;

33 (c) Infrastructure loans or assistance from the state 34 infrastructure bank established by RCW 82.44.195;

35 (d) Federal, state, or local revenues, subject to appropriation by 36 the applicable legislative authority;

(e) User fees, tolls, fares, lease proceeds, rents, gross or net
 receipts from sales, proceeds from the sale of development rights,
 franchise fees, or any other lawful form of consideration.

4 (2) As security for the payment of financing described in this 5 section, the revenues from the project may be pledged, but no such 6 pledge of revenues constitutes in any manner or to any extent a general 7 obligation of the state. Any financing described in this section may 8 be structured on a senior, parity, or subordinate basis to any other 9 financing.

10 (3) For any transportation project developed under this chapter 11 that is owned, leased, used, or operated by the state, as a public 12 facility, if indebtedness is issued, it must be issued by the state 13 treasurer for the transportation project.

14 (4) For other public projects defined in section 5(2) of this act 15 that are developed in conjunction with a transportation project, 16 financing necessary to develop, construct, or operate the public 17 project must be approved by the state finance committee or by the 18 governing board of a public benefit corporation as provided in the 19 federal Internal Revenue Code section 63-20;

20 (5) For projects that are developed in conjunction with a 21 transportation project but are not themselves a public facility or 22 public project, any lawful means of financing may be used.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND SIMILAR SOURCES OF 24 The department may accept from the United States or any of REVENUE. its agencies such funds as are available to this state or to any other 25 26 unit of government for carrying out the purposes of this chapter, whether the funds are made available by grant, loan, or other financing 27 arrangement. The department may enter into such agreements and other 28 29 arrangements with the United States or any of its agencies as may be 30 necessary, proper, and convenient for carrying out the purposes of this 31 chapter, subject to section 8 of this act.

32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. OTHER SOURCES OF VALUABLE CONSIDERATION 33 AUTHORIZED. The department may accept from any source any grant, 34 donation, gift, or other form of conveyance of land, money, other real 35 or personal property, or other valuable thing made to the state of

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Washington, the department, or a local government for carrying out the
 purposes of this chapter.

Any eligible project may be financed in whole or in part by contribution of any funds or property made by any private entity or public sector partner that is a party to any agreement entered into under this chapter.

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 9. REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND SELECTION OF 8 POTENTIAL PROJECTS. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the 9 commission may:

10 (a) Solicit concepts or proposals for eligible projects from 11 private entities and units of government;

(b) On or after January 1, 2007, accept unsolicited concepts or proposals for eligible projects from private entities and units of government, subject to section 17 of this act;

(c) Direct the department to evaluate projects for inclusion in the transportation innovative partnerships program that are already programmed or identified for traditional development by the state;

(d) Direct the department to evaluate the concepts or proposalsreceived under this section; and

(e) Select potential projects based on the concepts or proposals.
The evaluation under this subsection must include consultation with any
appropriate unit of government.

(2) Before undertaking any of the activities contained insubsection (1) of this section, the commission must have:

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(a) Completed the tolling feasibility study; and

26 (b) Adopted rules specifying procedures for the proper 27 solicitation, acceptance, review, and evaluation of projects, which 28 procedures must include:

(i) A comparison with the department's internal ability to complete
the project that documents the advantages of completing the project as
a partnership versus solely as a public venture; and

32 (ii) Factors such as priority, cost, risk sharing, scheduling, and33 management conditions.

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 10. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AUTHORIZED. The 35 department may charge a reasonable administrative fee for the

evaluation of an unsolicited project proposal. The amount of the fee
 will be established in rules of the commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND FUNDS FOR EVALUATION 3 4 AND NEGOTIATION OF PROPOSALS. The department may spend, out of any funds identified for the purpose, such moneys as may be necessary for 5 6 the evaluation of concepts or proposals for eligible projects and for 7 negotiating agreements for eligible projects authorized by this 8 chapter. The department may employ engineers, consultants, or other experts the department determines are needed for the purposes of doing 9 the evaluation and negotiation. Expenses incurred by the department 10 11 under this section before the issuance of transportation project bonds 12 or other financing must be paid by the department and charged to the appropriate project. The department shall keep records and accounts 13 showing each amount so charged. 14

Unless otherwise provided in the omnibus transportation budget the funds spent by the department under this section in connection with the project must be repaid from the proceeds of the bonds or other financing upon the sale of transportation project bonds or upon obtaining other financing for an eligible project, as allowed by law or contract.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS AUTHORIZED. The 22 commission and department may consult with legal, financial, and other 23 experts inside and outside the public sector in the evaluation, 24 negotiation, and development of projects under this chapter, consistent 25 with RCW 43.10.040 where applicable.

26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 13. ENVIRONMENTAL, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNICAL 27 STUDIES CONTRACTED. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in 28 the absence of any direct federal funding or direction, the department 29 may contract with a private developer of a selected project proposal to 30 conduct environmental impact studies and engineering and technical 31 studies.

32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 14.** TERMS OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS. (1) The 33 following provisions must be included in any agreement to which the 34 state is a party:

1 (a) For any project that proposes terms for stand-alone maintenance 2 or asset management services for a public facility, those services must 3 be provided in a manner consistent with any collective bargaining 4 agreements, the personnel system reform act (chapter 41.80 RCW), and 5 civil service laws that are in effect for the public facility;

6 (b) Transportation projects that are selected for development under 7 this chapter must be identified in the Washington transportation plan 8 or be identified by the authority as being a priority need for the 9 state;

10 (c) If there is a tolling component to the project, then it must be 11 specified that tolling technology used in the project must be 12 consistent with tolling technology standards adopted by the department 13 for transportation-related projects;

(d) Provisions for bonding, financial guarantees, deposits, or the posting of other security to secure the payment of laborers, subcontractors, and suppliers who perform work or provide materials as part of the project;

(e) All projects must be financed in a manner consistent with
section 6 of this act. This chapter is null and void if this
subsection or section 6 of this act fails to become law or is held
invalid by a court of final jurisdiction.

(2) Agreements between the state and private sector partners entered into under this section must specifically include the following contractual elements:

(a) The point in the project at which public and private sector
 partners will enter the project and which partners will assume
 responsibility for specific project elements;

28 (b) How the partners will share management of the risks of the 29 project;

30 (c) How the partners will share the costs of development of the 31 project;

32 (d) How the partners will allocate financial responsibility for 33 cost overruns;

34 (e) The penalties for nonperformance;

35 (f) The incentives for performance;

36 (g) The accounting and auditing standards to be used to evaluate 37 work on the project;

1 (h) For any project that reverts to public ownership, the 2 responsibility for reconstruction or renovations that are required in 3 order for a facility to meet all applicable government standards upon 4 reversion of the facility to the state; and

5 (i) Provisions for patrolling and law enforcement on transportation 6 projects that are public facilities.

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 15. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION PLAN. 8 (1) Before final approval, agreements entered into under this chapter 9 must include a process that provides for public involvement and 10 participation with respect to the development of the projects. This 11 plan must be submitted along with the proposed agreement, and both must 12 be approved under section 16 of this act before the state may enter a 13 binding agreement.

(2) All workshops, forums, open houses, meetings, public hearings,
 or similar public gatherings must be administered and attended by
 representatives of the state and any other public entities that are
 party to an agreement authorized by this chapter.

18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 16. PROCESS FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF 19 CONTRACTS. (1) Before approving an agreement under subsection (2) of 20 this section, the commission, with the technical assistance of the 21 department, must:

(a) Prepare a financial analysis that fully discloses all project
 costs, direct and indirect, including costs of any financing;

(b) Publish notice and make available the contents of the
agreement, with the exception of patent information, at least twenty
days before the public hearing required in (c) of this subsection; and

(c) Hold a public hearing on the proposed agreement, with proper notice provided at least twenty days before the hearing. The public hearing must be held within the boundaries of the county seat of the county containing the project.

31 (2) The commission must allow at least twenty days from the public 32 hearing on the proposed agreement required under subsection (1)(c) of 33 this section before approving and executing any agreements authorized 34 under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. UNSOLICITED PROJECT PROPOSALS. Before accepting any unsolicited project proposals, the commission must adopt rules to facilitate the acceptance, review, evaluation, and selection of unsolicited project proposals. These rules must include the following:

6 (1) Provisions that specify unsolicited proposals must meet 7 predetermined criteria;

8 (2) Provisions governing procedures for the cessation of 9 negotiations and consideration;

10 (3) Provisions outlining that unsolicited proposals are subject to 11 a two-step process that begins with concept proposals and would only 12 advance to the second step, which are fully detailed proposals, if the 13 commission so directed;

(4) Provisions that require concept proposals to include at least
the following information: Proposers' qualifications and experience;
description of the proposed project and impact; proposed project
financing; and known public benefits and opposition; and

18 (5) Provisions that specify the process to be followed if the 19 commission is interested in the concept proposal, which must include 20 provisions:

(a) Requiring that information regarding the potential project
would be published for a period of not less than thirty days, during
which time entities could express interest in submitting a proposal;

(b) Specifying that if letters of interest were received during the
thirty days, then an additional sixty days for submission of the fully
detailed proposal would be allowed; and

(c) Procedures for what will happen if there are insufficient proposals submitted or if there are no letters of interest submitted in the appropriate time frame.

30 The commission may adopt other rules as necessary to avoid 31 conflicts with existing laws, statutes, or contractual obligations of 32 the state.

33 The commission may not accept or consider any unsolicited proposals 34 before January 1, 2007.

35 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 18. ADVISORY COMMITTEES REQUIRED FOR LARGE 36 PROJECTS. For projects with costs, including financing costs, of three 37 hundred million dollars or greater, advisory committees are required.

(1) The commission must establish an advisory committee to advise 1 2 with respect to eligible projects. An advisory committee must consist of not fewer than five and not more than nine members, as determined by 3 the public partners. Members must be appointed by the commission, or 4 5 for projects with joint public sector participation, in a manner agreed to by the commission and any participating unit of government. б In 7 making appointments to the committee, the commission shall consider persons or organizations offering a diversity of viewpoints on the 8 project. 9

10 (2) An advisory committee shall review concepts or proposals for11 eligible projects and submit comments to the public sector partners.

12 (3) An advisory committee shall meet as necessary at times and 13 places fixed by the department, but not less than twice per year. The 14 state shall provide personnel services to assist the advisory committee 15 within the limits of available funds. An advisory committee may adopt 16 rules to govern its proceedings and may select officers.

17 (4) An advisory committee must be dissolved once the project has 18 been fully constructed and debt issued to pay for the project has been 19 fully retired.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. A proposer shall 21 identify those portions of a proposal that the proposer considers to be confidential, proprietary information, or trade secrets and provide any 22 23 justification as to why these materials, upon request, should not be 24 disclosed by the authority. Patent information will be covered until the patent expires. Other information such as originality of design or 25 26 records of negotiation may only be protected under this section until an agreement is reached. Disclosure must occur before final agreement 27 and execution of the contract. Projects under federal jurisdiction or 28 using federal funds must conform to federal regulations under the 29 30 Freedom of Information Act.

31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 20. APPLICATION OF PREVAILING WAGE LAW. If 32 public funds are used to pay any costs of construction of a public 33 facility that is part of an eligible project, chapter 39.12 RCW applies 34 to the entire eligible public works project.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. JOINT AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL 1 2 ENTITIES. The state may, either separately or in combination with any 3 other public sector partner, enter into working agreements, or similar 4 coordination agreements, implementation agreements, 5 including the formation of bistate transportation organizations, to carry out the joint implementation of a transportation project selected б 7 under this chapter. The state may enter into agreements with other transborder 8 units of government or Canadian provinces for 9 transportation projects.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 22. EMINENT DOMAIN. The state may exercise the 11 power of eminent domain to acquire property, rights of way, or other 12 rights in property for projects that are necessary to implement an 13 eligible project developed under this chapter, regardless of whether 14 the property will be owned in fee simple by the state.

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PART III

GENERAL PROVISIONS

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 23. CREATION OF TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE 18 PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT. (1) The transportation innovative partnership 19 account is established in the custody of the state treasurer separate 20 and distinct from the state general fund. Interest earned by the 21 transportation innovative partnership account must be credited to the 22 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 23 43.88 RCW.

(2) The following moneys must be deposited into the transportationinnovative partnership account:

26 (a) Proceeds from bonds or other financing instruments issued under27 section 25 of this act;

(b) Revenues received from any transportation project developed
 under this chapter or developed under the general powers granted to the
 department; and

(c) Any other moneys that are by donation, grant, contract, law, or
 other means transferred, allocated, or appropriated to the account.

(3) Moneys in the transportation innovative partnership account mayonly be expended upon evidence of approval by the Washington state

legislature, either upon appropriation of supporting state funds or by
 other statutory direction.

3 (4) The state treasurer shall serve as a fiduciary for the purpose
4 of carrying out this chapter and implementing all or portions of any
5 transportation project financed under this chapter.

6 (5) Moneys in the transportation innovative partnership account 7 that were derived from revenue subject to Article II, section 40 8 (Amendment 18) of the Washington state Constitution, may be used only 9 for purposes authorized by that provision of the state Constitution.

10 (6) The state treasurer shall establish separate subaccounts within transportation innovative partnership account 11 the for each transportation project that is initiated under this chapter or under 12 13 the general powers granted to the department. Except as provided in 14 subsection (5) of this section, the state may pledge moneys in the transportation innovative partnership account to secure revenue bonds 15 16 or any other debt obligations relating to the project for which the 17 account is established.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. USE 18 OF TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE (1) state may use moneys 19 PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT. The in the 20 transportation innovative partnership subaccount to ensure the 21 repayment of loan guarantees or extensions of credit made to or on behalf of private entities engaged in the planning, acquisition, 22 23 financing, development, design, construction, reconstruction, 24 replacement, improvement, maintenance, preservation, management, repair, or operation of any eligible project that is related to a 25 26 subaccount established under this chapter.

(2) The lien of a pledge made under this section is subordinate to the lien of a pledge securing bonds payable from moneys in the motor vehicle fund established in RCW 46.68.070, or the transportation innovative partnership account established in section 23 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (1) In addition to any authority the commission or department has to issue and sell bonds and other similar obligations, this section establishes continuing authority for the issuance and sale of bonds and other similar obligations in a manner consistent with this section. To finance a project in whole or in part, the commission may

request that the state treasurer issue revenue bonds on behalf of the 1 2 public sector partner. The bonds must be secured by a pledge of, and a lien on, and be payable only from moneys in the transportation 3 innovative partnership account established in section 23 of this act, 4 5 and any other revenues specifically pledged to repayment of the bonds. Such a pledge by the public partner creates a lien that is valid and 6 7 binding from the time the pledge is made. Revenue bonds issued under this section are not general obligations of the state or local 8 government and are not secured by or payable from any funds or assets 9 of the state other than the moneys and revenues specifically pledged to 10 11 the repayment of such revenue bonds.

12 (2) Moneys received from the issuance of revenue bonds or other 13 debt obligations, including any investment earnings thereon, may be 14 spent:

(a) For the purpose of financing the costs of the project for whichthe bonds are issued;

17 (b) To pay the costs and other administrative expenses of the 18 bonds;

19 (c) To pay the costs of credit enhancement or to fund any reserves 20 determined to be necessary or advantageous in connection with the 21 revenue bonds; and

(d) To reimburse the public sector partners for any costs relatedto carrying out the projects authorized under this chapter.

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PART IV

ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTING AND INNOVATIVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 26. STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTING AND 27 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES. The department shall conduct a study 28 of:

(1) The contracting powers and project management authorities it currently possesses; those same powers and authorities authorized under this chapter; and those powers and authorities employed by other states or the private sector;

33 (2) Methods of encouraging competition for the development of 34 transportation projects; and

35 (3) Any additional procedures that may be necessary or desirable

for negotiating contracts in situations of a single qualified bidder, 1 2 in either solicited or unsolicited proposals.

The department must submit its report, along with any recommended 3 legislative changes, to the commission by November 1, 2005, and to the 4 5 governor and the legislature for consideration in the 2006 legislative session. б

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CONSTRUCTION

PART V

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. **27.** CONFORMITY 9 WITH FEDERAL LAWS. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, applicable federal laws, 10 11 rules, and regulations govern in any situation that involves federal funds if the federal laws, rules, or regulations: 12

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(1) Conflict with any provision of this chapter;

14 (2) Require procedures that are additional to or different from 15 those provided in this chapter; or

(3) Require contract provisions not authorized in this chapter. If 16 no federal funds are provided, state laws, rates, and rules will 17 18 govern.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. Captions used in this chapter are not part 20 of the law.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. Sections 1 through 28 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 47 RCW. 22

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. A new section is added to chapter 47.04 RCW 23 24 to read as follows:

The department of transportation may impose and collect latecomer 25 26 fees on behalf of another entity for infrastructure improvement 27 projects initially funded partially or entirely by private sources. However, there must be an agreement in place between the department of 28 transportation and the entity, before the imposition and collection of 29 any such fees, that specifies (1) the collection process, (2) the 30 maximum amount that may be collected, and (3) the period of time during 31 32 which the collection may occur."

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1 In line 1 of the title, after "partnerships;" strike the remainder 2 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 47.04 RCW; and 3 adding a new chapter to Title 47 RCW."

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