
SENATE BILL 6650

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By Senator Murray

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1 AN ACT Relating to financial viability and impact review of certain
2 transportation projects; and adding new sections to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department shall reconvene the expert review panel appointed
7 under RCW 47.01.400, for the purpose of updating the work that was
8 previously completed by the panel on the Alaskan Way viaduct and
9 Seattle Seawall replacement project and the state route number 520
10 bridge replacement and HOV project. The expert review panel must
11 report updated findings and recommendations as described in RCW
12 47.01.400 to the joint transportation committee, the office of
13 financial management, and the governor by September 1, 2010. Upon
14 receipt of the expert review panel's updated findings and
15 recommendations, the governor must make a determination of whether the
16 financial plans for the Alaskan Way viaduct and Seattle Seawall
17 replacement project and the state route number 520 bridge replacement
18 and HOV project are feasible and sufficient to complete the projects as
19 described in their supplemental draft environmental impact statements.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The King county executive shall facilitate a resolution to the
4 final project design for the state route number 520 bridge replacement
5 and HOV project by preparing a plan for addressing the impacts of the
6 state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project on
7 surrounding cities, neighborhoods, parks, and institutions of higher
8 education. In evaluating the project's impacts, the county executive
9 shall give great weight to the concerns of cities, neighborhoods, and
10 institutions of higher education impacted by design proposals on either
11 side of Lake Washington.

12 (2) The legislature intends that the plan will allow a
13 comprehensive approach to mitigating the impacts of the project and
14 that the county executive presents the plan to the department. The
15 plan must be fiscally constrained in its review of mitigation options
16 and recommend only those strategies that can be implemented within the
17 project budget amount as identified in RCW 47.01.418(2)(a).

18 (3) The county executive shall convene an advisory committee to
19 help finalize the plan; however, the county executive has final
20 approval of the plan. The county executive must designate
21 representation from the community council or governing body of each
22 neighborhood and city impacted by the state route number 520 bridge
23 replacement and HOV project and representation from the Washington park
24 arboretum to serve on the advisory committee to guide the planning
25 process and for plan preparation. The University of Washington and
26 secretary of transportation shall each designate a representative to
27 serve on the advisory committee. The department shall provide
28 technical assistance for the advisory committee.

29 (4) The department shall not commence construction on any part of
30 the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project until
31 agreements have been reached with the county executive that are
32 consistent with the plan.

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