

SSB 5785 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

5 The department shall reconvene an expert review panel for the
6 purposes of updating the work that was previously completed by the 2006
7 panel on the Alaskan Way viaduct and Seattle Seawall replacement
8 project and to ensure that an appropriate and viable financial plan is
9 created and regularly reviewed. The expert review panel must consist
10 of no more than three members and must be selected cooperatively by the
11 chairs of the senate and house of representatives transportation
12 committees, the secretary of transportation, and the governor. The
13 expert review panel must report updated findings and recommendations to
14 the commission, the transportation committees of the legislature, the
15 governor's Alaskan Way viaduct project oversight committee, and the
16 joint transportation committee by October 2011, and annually thereafter
17 until the project is operationally complete. Upon receipt of the
18 expert review panel's updated findings and recommendations in October,
19 the joint transportation committee must consider the findings and
20 recommendations at a public meeting, which includes hearing an
21 evaluation of whether the financial plan for the Alaskan Way viaduct
22 and Seattle Seawall replacement project is feasible and sufficient to
23 complete the project as described in the final environmental impact
24 statement. The joint transportation committee shall forward any
25 concerns with the financial plan that are presented at the meeting to
26 the governor. When reconvening the expert review panel, the department
27 must be attentive to cost and consider ways to minimize expert review
28 panel expenditures, such as the use of teleconferencing. Anticipated
29 expenditures related to the expert review panel must be included in the
30 panel's findings and recommendations reports."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Removes the statutory reference to the 2006 expert review panel.

(2) Limits the expert review panel to three members.

(3) Removes the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Majority Leader from the group that must select the expert review panel members.

(4) Removes the requirement on the Governor to determine whether the financial plan for the Alaskan Way viaduct and Seattle Seawall replacement project is feasible and sufficient to complete the project as described in the final environmental impact statement.

(5) Requires the Joint Transportation Committee to consider the findings and recommendations of the expert review panel at a public meeting, and requires the Committee to forward any concerns with the financial plan that are presented at its meeting to the Governor.

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