

ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) **347**

By Representative Buys

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1 On page 315, after line 9, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 980.** STATE EMPLOYEE TRAVEL TO SEATTLE. (1)
3 State agencies of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches
4 shall not make expenditures for the cost or reimbursement of state
5 employees travel to Seattle where the travel is not related to an
6 emergency or other catastrophic event that requires government action
7 to protect life or public safety, or direct service delivery, and the
8 travel occurs after the effective date of this section and before the
9 earlier of July 1, 2019, or the return to full operating capacity at
10 the West Point wastewater treatment plant in King County.

11 (2) This section also does not apply to costs related to carrying
12 out a court order.

13 (3) Exceptions to the restrictions in subsection (1) of this
14 section may be granted for the critically necessary work of an agency
15 as provided in this section.

16 (4) For agencies of the executive branch, the exceptions shall be
17 subject to approval by the director of financial management or the
18 director's designee. For agencies of the judicial branch, the
19 exceptions shall be subject to approval of the chief justice of the
20 supreme court. For the house of representatives and the senate, the
21 exceptions shall be subject to approval of the chief clerk of the
22 house of representatives and the secretary of the senate,
23 respectively, under the direction of the senate committee on
24 facilities and operations and the executive rules committee of the
25 house of representatives. For other legislative agencies, the
26 exceptions shall be subject to approval of both the chief clerk of the
27 house of representatives and the secretary of the senate under the

1 direction of the senate committee on facilities and operations and the
2 executive rules committee of the house of representatives.

3 (5) Exceptions approved under subsection (4) of this section shall
4 take effect no sooner than five business days following notification
5 of the chair and ranking minority member of the ways and means
6 committees in the house of representatives and the senate. The person
7 approving exceptions under subsection (3) of this section shall send
8 the exceptions to the legislature for consideration every thirty days
9 from the effective date of this section, or earlier should volume or
10 circumstances so necessitate.

11 (6) Exceptions approved and taking effect under this section shall
12 be published electronically at least quarterly by the office of
13 financial management on the state fiscal web site.

14 (7) This section does not apply to agricultural commodity
15 commissions and boards, and agricultural inspection programs operated
16 by the department of agriculture."
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18 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
19 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Prevents state agency travel expenditures or
reimbursements for travel to Seattle until either the West Point
wastewater treatment plant returns to full operation or the 2017-19
biennium ends. Makes the prohibition subject to the approval of
agency leadership, and creates exceptions, such as emergencies and
court orders.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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