

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1160

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**As Passed House:**  
March 29, 2019

**Title:** An act relating to transportation funding and appropriations.

**Brief Description:** Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Wylie, Slatter and Valdez; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 1/31/19, 3/25/19, 3/27/19 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/29/19, 90-5.

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill**

- Makes biennial transportation budget appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium and supplemental transportation budget appropriations for the 2017-19 biennium.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 28 members: Representatives Fey, Chair; Slatter, 2nd Vice Chair; Valdez, 2nd Vice Chair; Wylie, 1st Vice Chair; Barkis, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Young, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Boehnke, Chambers, Chapman, Dent, Doglio, Dufault, Entenman, Eslick, Goehner, Gregerson, Kloba, Lovick, Mead, Orcutt, Ortiz-Self, Paul, Pellicciotti, Ramos, Riccelli, Shewmake and Van Werven.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 2 members: Representatives McCaslin and Shea.

**Minority Report:** Without recommendation. Signed by 1 member: Representative Irwin.

**Staff:** Amy Skei (786-7109).

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**Background:**

The state government operates on a fiscal biennium that begins July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Supplemental budgets are typically enacted in each of the following two years after adoption of the biennial budget. Appropriations are made in the biennial and supplemental transportation budgets for the operation and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and programs.

**Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill:**

Appropriations totaling \$9.959 billion are made for state transportation agencies and programs for the 2019-21 fiscal biennium from a number of transportation accounts. Capital-related appropriations total \$5.3 billion, and operating-related appropriations total \$4.7 billion. Some of the larger appropriations for the fiscal biennium include: \$3.1 billion for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Highway Improvements program; \$1.7 billion for debt service; \$777 million for the WSDOT Preservation program; and \$540 million for the Washington State Patrol. Fund transfers and other provisions are made. Additional detail can be found at [fiscal.wa.gov](http://fiscal.wa.gov).

Supplemental changes are made to the 2017-2019 Transportation Budget. Total appropriated funds are decreased by \$502 million.

**Appropriation:** The bill contains multiple appropriations. Please refer to the bill and supporting documents.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

Please refer to the January 31, 2017, recording of the public hearing on the original bill.

Please refer to the March 25, 2019, recording of the public hearing on the proposed substitute bill.

**Persons Testifying:** (In support) Representative Fey, prime sponsor; Representative Barkis; Walt Elliot, Kingston Ferries Advisory Committee; Dave Hergdorf, Mulkilteo Ferries Advisory Committee; Adam Brokus, Bremerton Ferries Advisory Committee; Amber Carter, Identity Clark County, Port of Vancouver, and Portland/Vancouver Junction Railroad; Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency; Bryce Yadon, Transportation Choices Coalition; Rick Wallace; Charles Krimmert, Vashon Island Fire and Rescue; Cheryl Lubbert, Vashon Maury Chamber of Commerce; Stephen Stockett; Carl Schroeder, Association of Washington Cities; Jill Mackie, Vigor Shipyards; Jeff DeVere, City of Liberty Lake; Michael Shaw, Washington State Transit Association; and Luis Moscoso and Lloyd Flem, All Aboard Washington.

(Other) Jane Wall, Washington State Association of Counties; Annie Blackledge, The Mockingbird Society; Dawn Rains, Treehouse; Robert Wilson, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe; and Peggen Frank, Hoh Tribe.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.