

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5947

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 23, 2024

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

**Brief Description:** Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

**Sponsors:** Senators Liias, King, Keiser, Nobles and Trudeau; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/09/24, 2/21/24, 2/23/24 [DPS, DNP].

**Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill**

- Makes supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5947 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Holy, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Fortunato, Hansen, Hawkins, Kauffman, Lovelett, Nobles, Valdez, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J..

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Padden.

**Staff:** Brandon Popovac (786-7465)

**Background:** The operating and capital expenses of state transportation agencies and

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programs are funded on a biennial basis by an omnibus transportation budget adopted by the Legislature in odd-numbered years. Supplemental budgets may be adopted during the biennium, making various modifications to agency appropriations.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):** The 2023-25 appropriations for various state transportation agencies and programs are modified.

Budget summary materials can be found in the non SCS tab in the committee materials for the public hearing.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (First Substitute):**

Various provisions with differing fiscal impacts were added as committee amendments, resulting in a net decrease of \$21.6 million in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

**Appropriation:** Various.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill (January 9, 2024):** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the January 9, 2024 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#//TRAN////year>

**Persons Testifying (January 9, 2024):**

PRO: Senator Marko Liias, Prime Sponsor; Jane Wall, County Road Administration Board; Melanie Bacon, Island County; Lynne Robinson, City of Bellevue Mayor; Jane Fuller, San Juan County Council.

CON: Mary Paterson.

OTHER: Kati Durkin, Washington Federation of State Employees; Breck Lebegue; Sean Eagan, The Northwest Seaport Alliance; Thomas White; Lael White, Climate Rail Alliance; Carolyn Logue, South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition; Tim Gould; Chris Herman, Washington Public Ports Association.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (January 9, 2024):** No one.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Proposed Substitute (February 21, 2024):** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* Please refer to the February 21, 2024 recording of the public hearing on the Senate Transportation Committee Schedules, Agendas & Documents website at: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/#//TRAN/////year>

**Persons Testifying (February 21, 2024):** PRO: Senator Marko Lias, Prime Sponsor; Justin Leighton, Washington State Transit Association; Vicky Clarke, Washington Bikes; Kirk Hovenkotter, Transportation Choices Coalition; Mike Rosen, City of Edmonds; Cindy Wolf, San Juan County; Axel Swanson, Washington State Association of County Engineers; Brandy DeLange, Association of Washington Cities; Lilly Hayward, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; Scott Richards, The Nature Conservancy.

CON: Armondo Pavone, Mayor, City of Renton; Bill Moyer, Solutionary Rail; Michael Transue, Tacoma Pierce County Chamber; Sean Eagan, The Northwest Seaport Alliance; Carolyn Logue, South Sound Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition; Mary Paterson.

OTHER: Breck Lebegue, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility; Jane Wall, County Road Administration Board; Regan Bolli, Covington City Manager; Lael White, Climate Rail Alliance; Will Knedlik, BadRoads.US; Arvia Morris; Isaac Kastama, Clean and Prosperous Washington; Leah Missik, Climate Solutions; Thomas White, Climate Rail Alliance; Tim Gould.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (February 21, 2024):** No one.