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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a state capital investment strategy;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW; creating a new section; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a capital  
6 infrastructure deficit of over thirty billion dollars exists in  
7 Washington state and that new infrastructure is needed to accommodate  
8 growth occurring now and in the future. There currently is no state  
9 capital investment strategy which, combined with an unmanageable number  
10 of state capital accounts, makes state capital spending haphazard,  
11 uncoordinated, and ineffective in dealing with the existing deficit and  
12 growing needs. The legislature intends to develop a process to  
13 coordinate the capital investment planning of state agencies, and  
14 coordinate state capital investment planning with local and regional

1 planning, in order to more effectively meet existing and future  
2 infrastructure needs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 The governor shall appoint a capital investment strategy council  
6 comprised of selected state agency directors. The capital investment  
7 strategy council shall:

8 (1) Develop a comprehensive and consistent state capital investment  
9 strategy that coordinates the infrastructure planning and financing of  
10 all state agencies under RCW 43.88.030(3) (b) and (c). This  
11 comprehensive strategy should coordinate state infrastructure planning  
12 with regional planning organizations, multicounty and county-wide  
13 planning policies, and counties and cities. Where possible, the state  
14 capital investment strategy shall be based on an assessment of  
15 infrastructure needs by area that result from expected growth patterns,  
16 and include a discussion regarding how state infrastructure planning  
17 and spending promote state economic development objectives and the  
18 growth management goals in chapter 36.70A RCW;

19 (2) Recommend to the legislature and the governor methods to:

20 (a) Adopt a state policy of catching up and maintaining  
21 infrastructure needs to sustain a healthy economy and a high quality of  
22 life. Given limited resources, the state should ensure that public  
23 infrastructure spending is efficient, protects the health and safety of  
24 the public, and serves desired growth management goals;

25 (b) Change state agency programs and existing funds to reprioritize  
26 these programs and funds consistent with development of a long-term  
27 state capital investment strategy;

28 (c) Consolidate existing state capital accounts to achieve a  
29 manageable number consistent with a state capital investment strategy

1 and to create a new growth management financing account that would  
2 finance infrastructure needs based on county-wide or regional economic  
3 planning; and

4 (d) Provide assistance and incentives to counties and cities to  
5 comply with growth management requirements, especially meeting  
6 infrastructure demands; and

7 (3) Advise the governor on growth management issues.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
11 effect immediately.